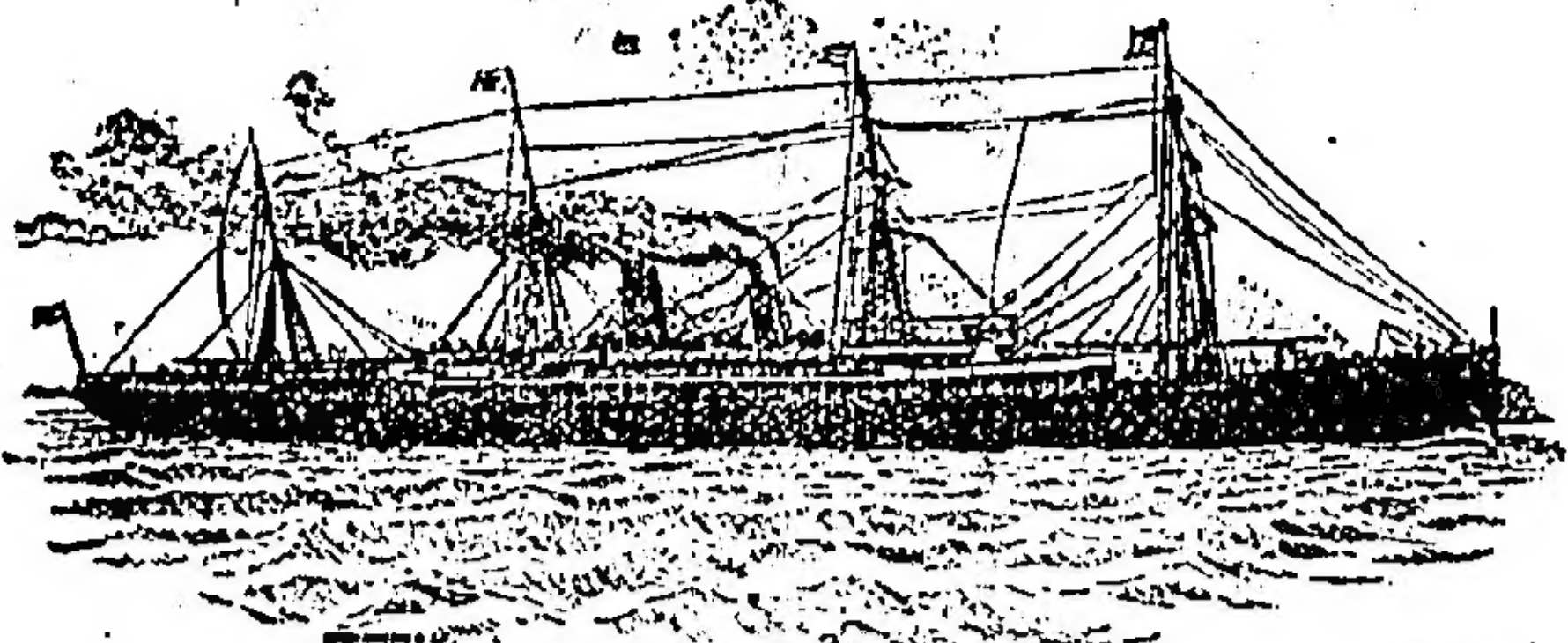


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"NIPPON MARU"	TUESDAY, 8th September, at Noon.
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Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1901; 10 days, 15 hours.

The T.K.K. Company's Steamship "HONGKONG MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1903.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
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(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
"EMPERESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 12th August.
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 26th August.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 23rd September.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 7th October.
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 21st October.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 4th November.
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 18th November.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 16th December.
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 30th December.

THE magnificent "EMPERESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, "TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE in 97 Hours. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Paddy's Street.

Hongkong, 25th June, 1903.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight.
BADENIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	12th August.	Freight.
SITONIA.....	HAVRE, ANTWERP, and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	29th August.	Freight.
KONIGSBERG.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	12th Sept.	Freight and Passengers.
ANALUSIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	23rd Sept.	Freight.
ABESSINIA.....	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	7th October.	Freight.
ARABIA.....	NEW YORK Via SUEZ CANAL.	about middle of August.	—

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAN"	2,363 tons.....	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POWAN"	2,338	G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATSHAN"	2,350	A. W. Dixon.
"HANKOW"	2,373	C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN"	2,360	J. J. Lossius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at about 7 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at about 6 P.M. (Saturday excepted).
Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily (Sunday excepted) at about 8 A.M., 2 P.M. and 5.30 P.M.

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN"	1,998 tons.....	Captain W. E. Clarke.
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Departures from Hongkong to Macao daily at about 1 P.M. as per special Schedule. Sunday Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at about 7.30 A.M. excepted.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN"	2,19 tons.....	Captain T. Hamlin.
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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "NANNING"	569 tons.....	Captain R. D. Thomas.
"SAINAM"	588	B. Branch.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M.; and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at about 8 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—
HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,
18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Hongkong Hotel.

Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD

Hongkong, 4th August, 1903

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 10 per cent, or \$1.50 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders, held this Day, will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after WEDNESDAY, the 5th August, 1903.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. GOOSMANN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1903.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the FIFTEENTH day of AUGUST next, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1903.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the FIRST, to the FIFTEENTH day of AUGUST next (both days inclusive), during which Period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1903.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 24th August, at 12 o'clock, NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1903.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that AN EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of October, 1903, at NOON, when the SUBJUNCTION RESOLUTIONS will be proposed, viz:—

1. "That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each) to \$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered and if accepted to be allotted to the present shareholders of the Company at par in the ratio and proportion of one new share for every two old shares in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such new shares respectively to be paid at such time or times and in such manner as the Company by its General Managers may hereafter determine."

2. "That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor:—
"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$4,000 per annum (which shall cover office rent but not salaries of Secretary and other employees) and a commission of 5 per cent of the net profits of the Company for each year that such profits amount to 7 per cent of the Capital of the Company."

Should the above Resolutions be duly passed they will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS to a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 4th day of July, 1903.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Intimations.

NOTICE TO LADIES.

MADAM FLINT wishes to inform her Lady Patrons and the General Public that she has now REMOVED to the CONNAUGHT HOTEL, First Floor, where she is opening up, on a more extensive Scale, DRESSMAKING and MILLINERY PARLORS, which will be known as MADAM FLINT & CO. (MODE DE PARIS).

MADAM FLINT is leaving for Paris on the 11th instant, and will be pleased to receive Orders from Ladies desiring any Special Goods, in the way of LINGERIE, Dresses and Hats in any Particular Fashion or Design, &c. She will also bring out New Goods for the BALL and RACE SEASONS.

MADAM FLINT also begs to inform the Hongkong Ladies that, in Order to make Room for the New Stock, she will hold a CLEARANCE SALE at her New Establishment commencing on the 5th instant, when some very cheap Bargains will be offered.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1903.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

MID-SUMMER EXCURSION TRIPS TO
JAPAN AND BACK.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are prepared during the months of JULY and AUGUST to issue First Class Return Tickets from Hongkong to Yokohama and Back for the Round Fare of Yen 98 payable in Local Currency. Return Tickets are available for return up to the 31st October, 1903.

Stop-over Privileges allowed at any way port, and between Moji and Kobe passengers have the Option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For Information as to Sailings, Steamers, &c., apply at the Company's Local Offices in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. S. TAKAYANAGI,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1903.

THE LONDON DRAPERY STORE, HONGKONG.

THE above will be opened as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made as an Establishment for the sale of

GENERAL AND FANCY DRAPERY
GOODS

suitable for the climate, and will be fitted with the

NEWEST MODERN FIXTURES
AND FITTINGS

as now used in the Great Bon Marchés of Paris and London.

Further particulars will be given later.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1903.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. Net \$5.00 per Cask ex Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. Net \$3.00 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1903.

TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER

guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid, and any other Chemicals.

PRICE \$10.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts) or 6 doz. pints.

Special Prices for Quantities.

Sole Agents—
SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903.

REDUCTION IN AUSTRALIAN FRESH BUTTER.

I HAVE reduced the price of BUTTER from 90 Cents to 85 Cents per pound. I guarantee the BUTTER to be the freshest and of the best quality obtainable in the Market. I do not put up the BUTTER in prints here as many others do after importing it in lumps.

H. RUTTONJEE,
No. 5, D'Almeida Street,
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Hongkong, 1st August, 1903.

Intimations.

THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 514 ft. Width of entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft. Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to pump out, 4 hours.

No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of entrance, top 60.5 ft.; bottom 45.8 ft. Water on blocks, 28.5 ft. Time to pump out, 2 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work, and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that of any port in the world.

Telephone: Works, No. 508; General, No. 876.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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of good things
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THE MUTUAL STORES,

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Hongkong, 29th June, 1903.

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HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

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THE CONNAUGHT HOUSE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL SITUATED NEAR THE BANKS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICES. EXCELLENT CUISINE AND WINES.

Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.

Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.

Launch Service for Guests.

For Terms, apply to

THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

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INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for

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VIENNA,

THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,

The Price of which has been reduced to

TERRIBLE STORM AT CHEFOO.

MANY KILLED. ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

From recent issues of the *Shanghai Times* we call the following items of news:—

Chefoo, July 27.—Chefoo is a stricken city. For the past twenty-four hours she has been captive and within the deadly grip of one of the most disastrous floods known in the history of this section of China. To-night, the city is plunged in total darkness. Her streets are covered to a depth of several feet with a fast running flood of murky water. Hundreds of buildings and dwellings are inundated. Thousands of people are rendered homeless. Rumours are flying thick and fast telling of great loss of life and property. The damage to the city of Chefoo will be tremendous, and at the time it is impossible to give anything like an accurate estimate.

Rain, in torrents, has fallen over this section and at times has risen almost to the fury of a cloudburst. The hillsides surrounding the native city readily assisted in causing the storm flood to run down in veritable rivers to the low lying districts below. About the only portion of the city that has escaped the ravages of the flood is that section lying upon the high lands upon which are located the various consulate buildings and several schools and convents.

The little inoffensive creek which flows within the native settlement, and which is the water course draining the valley, is now a wild and relentless torrent, almost a mile in width. The portion of Chefoo bordering upon this stream is very closely built up, and compact.

It is here that the flood has done the greatest amount of damage. Volumes of water running with the force of a mighty mill race have swept everything before it. Where this stream flows into the sea, great havoc was created among the small craft moored in the harbour. From all parts of the city comes news of many persons losing their lives by drowning. While few bodies have been recovered, many have been seen floating upon the surface of the flood, on their way out to the open sea.

The flood situation is growing desperate. An effort is being made to cure for the host of poor who have been rendered homeless. Temporary shelter has been secured wherever it can be found. Several godowns in the business district are under water and valuable merchandise is believed to be hopelessly ruined. Business hongs driven out by the flood have been obliged to seek quarters in a higher part of the town. In some sections of the city the water is so deep that ponies are compelled to swim. All traffic is suspended, and is a very difficult matter to secure communication with the outside world. The water is now at a standstill, and indications are that the rain will cease.

July 28.—Chefoo was visited by a terrific thunderstorm Sunday forenoon, followed by a cloudburst on the mountain side.

Fearful torrents of water, without warning, rushed down the ravines sweeping away everything in their path and along the banks of the streams.

Three thousand native buildings are estimated to have been destroyed.

The loss of life among Chinese residents in the flooded district is believed to be from five hundred to one thousand souls.

One American sailor is known to have been lost.

A Chinese inn, with fifty-three inmates, also a school with fourteen boys and a teacher have been carried into the raging sea.

East and west of the city the beach is strewn with dead bodies and wreckage.

Damage to property is conservatively estimated at over two millions. The loss to foreign hongs is considerable but not serious.

The various consular bodies were to meet to-day to raise funds for the sufferers.

G. E. FURNES,

Butterfield and Swire.

THREE THOUSAND BUILDINGS Laid WASTE.
Chefoo July 28.—Reports of terrible loss of life and vast destruction of property continue to come to light from the flooded district of Chefoo.

While earlier estimates have placed the list of dead anywhere between five hundred and one thousand persons, the latter figure is now believed to be more nearly correct.

The waters, which filled the valley, formed by the three ranges of hills surrounding Chefoo, have now sufficiently receded, that some idea of the true extent of the damage wrought by the flood can become known. The storm has laid waste, farms and garden, rice paddies and homesteads. While the storm was of brief duration the work of disaster was none the less sure and certain. Three thousand buildings in the native settlement are now laid waste. The destruction wrought is of such extent that it will take years of hard toll to replace the structures wiped away by the flood. The loss to buildings and merchandise alone has been figured up by insurance adjusters to the large sum of one million taels.

The matter of relief for flood sufferers is a pertinent question at this time in Chefoo. The Consular bodies, representing every foreign power having interests in Chefoo, met to-day and discussed ways and means of materially relieving the distress of the stricken people. Substantial contributions have already been pledged.

All business is now at a standstill. Several foreign business houses lost heavily by the visitation of the flood.

Hundreds of dead bodies have been picked up along the beach. Many are said to be missing, but no trace of the bodies can be found.

Mr. J. M. BOWORTH, fourth vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, announces that the road has decided upon an especially low rate for flour, wheat and oats from American ports to China and Japan to encourage farmers and millers from the North-west in their competition against United States farmers and millers.

Entertainments.

BOXING.

AT THE CITY HALL, AUGUST 8TH, 1903.

THE PROGRAMME for that night will be as follows:—

- (1) BARRETT (Royal Engineers) v. CALLAGHAN (H.M.S. "VENGEANCE").
- (2) COHEN (Derbyshire) v. MARRIOTT (Derbyshire).
- (3) Extra four rounds exhibition by two local men.
- (4) THE BATTLE ROYAL, the first of its kind in Hongkong.
- (5) Twenty Rounds Contest between JACK GRACE (of America) and SAM NEWMAN (of Manila) for a side bet of \$500, and gate receipts according to articles.

Doors open at 8 P.M. Commence at 9 P.M. punctually.

Tickets, \$10, \$5, and \$2 to be obtained at all leading Hotels and the Comptroller, City Hall.

JAS. CHRISTIE, Promoter.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1903. [933e]

SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT NOTICE.

RE-OPENING OF THE THEATRE ROYAL.

MONDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1903.

THE advent of the POLLARD FARCE-COMEDY CO. will signalise the re-opening of the Theatre Royal, which has been greatly altered, re-decorated, ventilated, and installed with a complete electric-light plant making it the COOLEST THEATRE IN THE ORIENT.

THEATRE ROYAL.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CHARLES A. POLLARD.
BUSINESS MANAGER.....ALEX MIDDLETON.
GENERAL MANAGER.....JAMES MACMAHON.

AN IMPORTANT AMUSEMENT EVENT.

POSITIVELY A SHORT SEASON, Commencing

MONDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1903.

CHARLES A. POLLARD'S
ENGLISH FARCE-COMEDY
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including the Popular Comedian,
EDWARD NABLE.

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"Tom, Dick and Harry"

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TWO NIGHTS ONLY.

A HUGE SHRIEK FROM BEGINNING TO END

Merry INTERPRETED A Big

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of POPULAR ARTISTS. Every-

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

"My Soldier Boy"

"My Soldier Boy"

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Many other equally interesting plays will be staged during the season in quick succession from an almost inexhaustible repertoire.

New scenery and effects for every piece.

All productions will be under the personal supervision of EDWARD NABLE.

PLAN of RESERVED SEATS at the Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.

Prices.....\$3, 2, and 1.

Hongkong, 6th Aug. 1903. [933e]

Auction.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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Intimations.



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By Order, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.
Sanitary Board Room,
14th July, 1903. [869e]

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TELEGRAPHIC information has been received that the Company's S.S. "KAWACHI MARU" which left Hongkong on the 27th June last, for London and Port, had an outbreak of FIRE occurring at Sea in No. 4 Hold, and she put in at Messina from which Port she was to have sailed on the 1st August.

T. S. TAKAYANAGI, Acting Manager.
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Intimations.

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T. S. TAKAYANAGI,

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Intimations.



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DEATH.

At 40, Range Road, Shanghai, on 31st July, JURGENSEN BARK, aged 66 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1903.

THE NEW PONTIFF.

A special despatch from Rome to a San Francisco contemporary announced that all kinds of speculation were in circulation as to the probable successor to the throne of St. Peter. Opinions were much divided, owing to many interests which would be affected according to the choice made by the Sacred College. Among the questions to be solved was whether the new Pope must be an Italian or a foreigner. It was generally believed that he would be an Italian, because, in view of the struggle between the Church and the State all the clergy, as well as the clerical party and even foreigners, think that an Italian Pope can protect better than a stranger the advance of the religious and political interests of the Church. The candidates chiefly spoken of were Cardinal Rampolla and Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli. In the election of Cardinal Sarto, announced by Reuter to-day, a victory has been gained by a strong party, which include a good many foreign Cardinals, advocating the election of a Cardinal who is not a member of the Curia, and whose selection included also Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, and Cardinal Capecececello, Archbishop of Capua, who is, perhaps, the most learned member of the Sacred College, and has conciliatory ideas. Pope Pius X. is comparatively little known to the world of politics. Born in a small town in Lombardy in 1835, His Holiness succeeds to the Papal Throne on his sixty-eighth year. In 1884, he was appointed Bishop of Mantova, and was raised to the Patriarchal See of Venice in 1893. In the same year he was created a cardinal by his late Holiness Leo XIII. Of a retired disposition, taking no active part in the assembly of prelates of the Roman Church, he is withal kindly and of an affable temperament. In the re-election of the famous Campanile of Venice, he played a leading part in the laying of the first stone of the historical edifice in the presence of a very large assembly of notables and others, included among whom were no less than thirty thousand foreigners. It was on this occasion that Cardinal Sarto said, in his speech, that he rejoiced with the Venetian populace because they did not believe their traditional fame of a great and pious people, in that they never embarked upon any great enterprise without first invoking the help and blessing of God over them.

THE TRADE OF WUCHOW.

Trade on the West River is very susceptible to vacillation in consequence of the vicissitudes of the neighbouring province of Kwangsi. In 1900 the events in the North reacted most unfavourably on trade in the South, and from the middle of June till the following month all business was practically at a standstill, while the uncertainty engendered by the political situation was aggravated by the chronic disorder and partial security prevailing in the interior of the province. Nevertheless, Wuchow was then one of the few ports showing an advance on the year's return, and the Consul, Mr. Hauser, predicted that the limit of expansion of the trade of the port had not been reached. Last year there were many adverse circumstances with which to contend, and which were responsible for a falling off in the gross value of the trade from 7,496,243 Haikuan taels, at an exchange of 1/10, or £1,109,500, to 6,601,263 Haikuan taels or at 2/7, £857,911. The Acting-Consul, Mr. H. H. Fox, says that the reasons are shortly as follows:—1. The fall in exchange and consequent rise in the price of piece-goods in Hongkong. 2. The disturbed state of the province, where lawlessness, hardly amounting to rebellion, but sufficient to render life and property in the interior constantly insecure, have prevailed during the last two years, gradually reducing the people of this province—always one of the poorest in China, though rich in natural resources—to a state of penury, in many places bordering on starvation. 3. The failure of the opium crop in Kweichow and Yunnan, native opium being the medium of exchange with

those regions. 4. Floods in the summer which devastated the crops, in the low-lying districts, especially the fields of sugar cane in the neighbourhood of Nanning. The Acting-Consul regards this as an eloquent testimony to the vitality of the West River trade that, in spite of this accumulation of disasters; in spite of the fact that Wuchow stands at the gate of a bankrupt province, the decrease in the import trade should not have been even greater and that the export trade should even show a marked improvement. But in days like the present we cannot afford to ignore any one of our markets in the Far East, and especially Wuchow which form the natural distributing centre for the trade between Hongkong and Canton, and the provinces of Kwangsi, Kweichow and Eastern Yunnan; the West River and its branches reaching all the most important trading centres in those regions. Our West River trade has to be closely watched, lest we find ourselves outstripped by our competitors who are now making a bold bid for a full share of that lucrative trade. Not the least significant, therefore, of the many important observations in his report on the trade of Wuchow for 1902 is that in which the Acting-Consul refers to the need for energetic Englishmen at the port. He says, "there are now 10 British firms in Wuchow," all represented by Chinese agents; these firms include two of the largest British houses in China, and it is, I think, matter for regret that they do not see their way to send a young Englishman here to push their interests. I am quite aware that the experiment has been tried and proved a failure, but conditions have changed during the last two years; Wuchow has grown in importance; competition, especially in the shipping business, has become keener, and if our people, at whose instance this river was opened to trade and who enjoy exceptional opportunities for prosecuting successfully their undertakings in this part of China, wish to maintain their present position in this West River trade, it is high time some serious efforts were made to this end." The number of British ships entered and cleared at the port during the year was 332, representing a tonnage of 1,07,551, as against 496, 128,958 respectively in 1901; 157,109, 262 in 1900; 1,023, 139,890 in 1899, and 835, 92,151 in 1898. American shipping was represented by 72 vessels of 13,680 tons, as against nil in 1901, 12 and 2,172 respectively in 1900; 62, 3,906 in 1899; and 90, 5,670 in 1898. The advent of two French steamers, while causing a temporary reduction of fares, has apparently not affected the passenger list and Mr. Fox thinks there is evidently room for one more boat of the Nanning or stern-wheeler class. With a daily departure from Canton and Wuchow, the British companies should be able, in the opinion of Mr. Fox, to defy all competition for some time to come. It is satisfactory to note that the question of again taking up the trade between this Colony and the West River is under consideration by the Joint River Steamer Companies. In reference to this subject the Chairman of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., at the half-yearly meeting on Tuesday last, said that it has appeared to the directors advisable to provide further tonnage for the West River trade, and they have joined with the China Navigation and Indo-China Companies in acquiring the steamer *Kuow Hing* (renamed *Tak Hing*) to run between Canton and Wuchow in conjunction with the *Nanning* and *Saiham* until such time as a new steamer contracted for with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company is completed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A REBELLION has broken out in Panama under the leadership of General Cobos.

The Bank of England contains silver ingots which have lain in its vaults since 1846.

VICEROY Yuan has been presented by the Court with a necklace of valuable stones.

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OWING to want of capital, the much-talked-of new bank in Tientsin native city has not started.

DIRECTORS of the Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd., have declared an interim dividend of one tael per share.

THE watermark at Hankow on the 27th ult. was 41 feet 5 inches, and at Kiukiang the following day 34 feet 6 inches.

SERIOUS anxiety is felt for the cotton crops in the South which are suffering from too much rain, says the *Peking Times*.

WORK on the Chien Men at Peking has been stopped. It is supposed that the contractor wants a payment on account.

THE Governor of Kwangsi is enlisting special foreign drilled force, and all the students in the province have enrolled themselves.

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THERE were no cases of plague reported to the Sanitary Board for the twenty-four hours ended noon to-day.

IN the wreck of an excursion train which left Glasgow on 27th ult. thirteen were killed and scores wounded.

THE cup defender *Reliance* defeated the *Centurion* and the *Columbia* in one of the trial races held on 28th ult.

AT the Magistrate's this morning Mr. Kemp fined two shop-keepers \$75 and \$20 respectively, for using improper scales and weights.

RUINS of a large city containing pyramids and extensive fortifications have been discovered in the midst of a dense forest in the State of Puebla, Mexico.

THE most recent estimate of the cost of the Boer war puts the figures at \$1,050,000,000. No wonder so many war clouds blow over without bringing actual hostilities.

THE T.K.K.S. *America Maru*, which arrived at Nagasaki from Shanghai on the 27th ult., was temporarily detained in quarantine owing to the illness of one of the Chinese stewards.

A PROJECT has been set on foot in Haiphong to form a local Société Colonophile, the pigeons to be used by the military and postal authorities, and distributed at different centres throughout Hanoi.

THE arrest of suspected reformers in Peking appears to be as active now as it was in 1899, the reason is that the Government fears their hostile criticism with regard to the Manchu policy and Russia.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the hospitals:—

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THE Pacific Mail steamer *Korea*, made an exceedingly quick trip up from Hongkong to Shanghai. She left here at noon on the 28th and reached the Northern port shortly after 6 p.m. on the 30th ult.

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FOR the first time in England hypnotism has taken the place of ordinary anaesthetics in a surgical operation. The patient, a Clapton woman of thirty-eight, had her leg taken off while under hypnotic influence, exercised by a fully qualified medical man.

THE Russo-Chinese Bank at Newchwang is very reluctant to make any advances now. It is generally understood that this is due to the Bank's anxiety as to the future of the Manchurian question.—*Peking Times*.

THE stranded Japanese cruiser *Kasagi* was successfully floated on July 15th, from the dangerous position in which she lay off the Tsushima Lighthouse near Yamaguchi. Investigation showed that the damage done to the cruiser's bottom was not as serious as first anticipated.

THE net profit of the Industrial Bank of Japan for the first half of the present year was ¥352,847. Of this, ¥400,000 is put to various reserve funds, ¥75,000 paid in a dividend and bonus at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, ¥35,000 given as a bonus to the officers of the bank, and ¥2,837 carried forward.

IT is reported that the Rear-Admiral of the French Squadron, who arrived here by the *Chateau Renault* and has been lying ill since, says the *Kobe Chronicle* sank into a state of unconsciousness on Saturday morning, 25th ult. Special permission was granted to the warship to enter within the breakwater this morning in order to facilitate communication between the vessel and the shore.

LeMunyon has rubber stamp dates, the best kind.—Adv.

THE following note is from the *Kobe Herald*:—A late number of the *London Graphic* contains a wonderful sketch of the recent Naval Review held here. At first sight we mistook it for some old wood-cut depicting the landing of Columbus on the shores of the new world, but from the letterpress we learn that his Majesty the Emperor, after a visit to the Exhibition at "Osaka" inspected the fleet at Kobe where the first (sic) Naval Review of the Empire was being held.

IT is reported that some time last week a great robbery took place in a village in the interior, in which several houses were entered and robbed. It is strange to hear that the thieves did not take away any jewellery or money, but carted away a large quantity of rice from several houses. After the robbers had departed and maimed an inmate of one of the houses, the sounds of gongs, bugles and the barking of dogs could be heard, which denoted that the village had been attacked; but the alarm was given all too late, for the robbers had decamped with their booty, and left the inmates of the houses to be released.

REGARDING a paragraph recently printed in Hongkong, to the effect that the chief steward of the *Empress of Japan* was presented with a handsome gold watch by the passengers as a "slight token of their appreciation," etc., for having received proper treatment at the hands of the chief steward during the voyage, a *Kobe Journal* learns on thoroughly trustworthy information that the present was given to the chief steward, whose name is Hawyes and not Harvey, for service rendered to an invalid lady on the voyage across the Pacific. The watch was presented by the lady and her husband, and the other passengers were not concerned in the gift.

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A LENGTHY account of the recent flooding of Chefoo is printed on the third page. The citizens state that, as calamitous as the disaster was, they do not require any outside assistance.

THE *Echo de Chine* says that it is denied that France has been asked to act as mediator between Japan and Russia. Inexact information as to the relations of these two Powers has been published.

THE action of the Congress on 28th ult. showed that the Colombians have decided to fight the Isthmian canal treaty by indirectness and delay. When the matter came up for consideration it was referred to a committee.

THE Philippine authorities are considering a proposed act prohibiting the adulteration or false packing of abaca (Manila hemp), and providing for Government inspection and marking all abaca intended for export from the Islands.

THE Acting British Consul at Wuchow says that as far as the foreign exploitation of the Kwangsi mines is concerned, the latest provincial regulations on the subject are framed in such a manner as to make profitable mining impossible.

THE river between Wuchow and Canton is dotted with rocks and sand banks, each one of which, Mr. H. H. Fox, the Acting Consul at the former port, thinks might appropriately be named after some steamer or launch that has come to grief on it.

THIRTEEN convicts escaped from Folsom prison, San Francisco, on 28th ult. after capturing the warden and eight other prison officials, whom they are holding as hostages. The militia are in pursuit of the bandits, who have taken to the mountain.

THE *Canton*, a steamer belonging to the Indo-China Company's service, remains in the Tungksat Dock, Shanghai, where the repairs to her bottom are being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The *Canton* was considerably damaged by contact with the rocks while in the fog, on her last voyage up to Shanghai.

BESMEARED with blood and covered with bruises a mate from the s.s. *Loongsang* had to answer a charge for being drunk and disorderly in No. 12, Hollywood Road last night, and smashing window panes and lamps to the value of \$30. Before Mr. Kemp this morning he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and \$50 compensation to the mistress of the house.

THE *Kokura Maru* arrived at Nagasaki from Vladivostok on 22nd ult. One of her officers reports that fourteen Russian warships were expected there. Some vessels of the Russian Volunteer fleet were landing gunpowder. Several new barracks for soldiers have been built. The market is depressed and a Russo-Japanese war is the subject of conversation on all sides.

THE native woman who was charged about a fortnight ago for assaulting a maid servant besides biting her finger, and who was liberated on bail of \$100, has absconded. The servant maid's finger will probably have to be cut off. The woman is said to have gone to Macao without the knowledge of her husband, who intends getting her back to recover his bail which was exstated.

WHILE a native child was playing on a wall, about 25 feet high in D'Aguiar Street this morning near the Pelham House, he lost his balance and fell to the ground, sustaining some injuries. A lady from the adjoining hotel came down with a cup of brandy for the boy. This was, however, refused, and the mother with all haste wrapped the child in a blanket, and took him away, refusing to convey the lad to the hospital for treatment.

A CABLE of the 29th ult. to the *Hongkong Times* reports that an attempt has been made on the part of the inhabitants in Kiochow to destroy by fire all the steam launches passing that place. They got on board and threw into the river everything that belonged to the passengers. Fortunately the local officials intervened in time and the attempt to burn the launches was frustrated. The chief cause for the riot was the damage done to the embankments along the river by the frequent passage of these steam launches.

MESSRS. Farnham, Boyd & Co. of this city have received word that the steamer *Sam Shui*, which has been under a charter from the quartermaster's department for several months past, will be returned from Hongkong as soon as the repairs now being made upon the vessel are completed. The steamers *Columbia* and *Sam Shui*, owned by Farnham, Boyd & Co., and which have been doing service in the Philippines, for some time past, are to be sold. Notice to this effect has been issued by the Manila agents of the firm, says the *Shanghai Times*.

WHILE a newly arrived native schoolmaster was having a "look see" at the Japanese theatre on Tuesday night, and got absorbed in the attractiveness of the show, he completely forgot the crowd behind him. On putting his hand into his pocket for a purse, which contained \$1.60, he found to his surprise that it was gone. He immediately accused a native lad standing near him of being the thief and had him arrested. On their way to the station, another native intervened, and promised to return the purse in case they should release his friend. Without much ado the constable got hold of the busybody by the arm, and marched them both up the station. They were sentenced by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith to six and three months' imprisonment respectively.

MINING enterprise in the district of Wuchow has been at a standstill. A little coal is scraped in one or two districts, and a few concessions to work coal have been granted to Chinese only; but such is the lack of energy among the native concessionaries that in a district where good coal can be produced at a very small cost, fuel for steamer vessels imported from Japan.

THE Secretary of the U. S. Treasury has fixed the value of the Mexican dollar for customs purposes for the current quarter, at 41.8 cents (gold). This is an increase of 3 1/2 cents over the value for the last quarter. The value of silver coins is ascertained from the average market price of silver bullion for the preceding three months. As the market price of silver bullion has lately been advancing there will be a corresponding increase in the values of silver coin of all silver-standard countries for the next quarter.

BY kind permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, to-morrow, Friday, the 7th inst. (weather permitting):—

March, "The Little of Bohemia," Old House Selection, "The Yeomen of the Guard," Sullivan. "Clair de Lune," Debussy. "The Selection," "The Student," W. A. Mozart. "Selection," "Reminiscences of the Chamber," "Pantomime," "Mum in a Box," "Thurston Two Steps," "God save the King."

THE *China Times* says that the Tientsin Society of Commerce arranged a loan in order to issue "cash" notes for the convenience of exchange. Several shops were selected and notes to the amount of 10,000 tiao issued. Within a few days, however, it was found that all the notes had been bought up and withdrawn from circulation. Inquiry into the cause of this showed that there are about 500 cash stalls in the different streets which had combined, bought up the notes and changed them into the copper tokens recently issued, in order that the cash note should not interfere with their small change business. The Society of Commerce is now endeavouring to do away with street cash changers.

GEORGE Henschel in *Nature* tells a story of a bullfinch and a canary that deserves permanent record. The bullfinch belongs to his sister and can pipe the whole of several tunes, "God Save the King" among them. The canary's cage was in the same room, and in about a year the canary learned the whole of "God Save the King" from the bullfinch and often piped it independently. Mr. Henschel lately heard the bullfinch pipe part of the tune (six bars) and then pause. To his amazement the canary took up the tune where the other had left it and finished the tune (eight bars)! At this time the two birds were in different rooms. Nothing could be more authentic than the story, or more amazing.—*New York Sun*.

A PRIVATE letter from Bangkok dated the 12th of July from a newcomer there, says that the place is beautiful in a tropical way, a nuddy Venetia. The royal white elephants are whitish in places. Princes and Princesses can be seen any day. The palace is clean and very picturesque. The damage done at the recent fire (reported in our columns yesterday) is not so extensive as the local papers make out. The Emerald Buddha is all right, and is really a first-class curio of green jade. The King himself saved the Buddha when the adjoining temple was on fire, and a great ceremony was made of replacing it, the people being wisely encouraged to come into the palace and see that it is safe. The people are smiling and friendly, and you can walk into any temple even while service is going on, if you show ordinary respect to the feelings of the Siamese.—*N. C. D. N.*

THE Earl of Rosebery has written to the chairman of the London County Council submitting a plan for the establishment of a great institution for advanced scientific and technological education, at a cost of \$1,500,000, toward which sum Messrs. Wertheim, Beit & Co., the well-known diamond firm, and others offer large contributions. A site for the institution has also practically been secured. Lord Rosebery asks the Council for an annual grant of \$50,000 for the maintenance of the institution, upon the securing of which the whole scheme depends. In his letter submitting the proposal Lord Rosebery says: "It is little short of scandalous that our ambitious youths should be obliged to resort to the United States and Germany for technical training." He points out that English industries are suffering in consequence of the neglect of this important branch of education in the United Kingdom.

TYPHOON.

The following typhoon "warning" was issued from the Hongkong Observatory, at 10.50 this forenoon:—

Typhoon lying near South Formosa this morning. It seems to be moving quickly towards West-North-West.

Bad weather in the Formosa Channel, and increasing North-West winds along the South Coast of China.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

French (*Calédonien*) 10th inst.
American (*City of Pekin*) 13th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 16th inst.
Indian (*Laksing*) 17th inst.
American (*Doric*) 20th inst.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Vancouver at 5.30 p.m. on 4th inst. The C. & M. Co.'s s.s. *Zafra* left Manila yesterday, 5th inst. p.m., and is due here on Friday afternoon.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Calédonien* with the next French Mail will leave Saigon on 7th inst. at 5 a.m. for this port.

The N. P. S. Co.'s s.s. *Tacoma* arrived at Tacoma, Wash., on 3d inst. from Yokohama, and s.s. *Olympia* sailed from Tacoma on 3d inst. a.m. for Yokohama and the usual ports.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

The Pope's Jubilee.

LONDON, March 4th.
Yesterday being the principal celebration of the Pope's Jubilee, His Holiness was borne to St Peter's amidst an immense throng. He was manifestly elated at the enthusiastic acclamations and stood up and blessed the kneeling crowd of fully fifty thousand persons.

Great Britain and Venezuela.

Great Britain has restored the captured warships to Venezuela.

LATER.

The Russian Squadron for the East.

It is reported in Aden that the Russian Squadron which has just sailed from that port for China will probably visit the Persian Gulf.

The New Harbour at Gibraltar.

Mr. Balfour replying to Mr. Bowles in the House said that the great expense which the harbour on the east side of Gibraltar would entail was not justified by the requirements of Imperial defence.

The New York Cotton Exchange.

There is great excitement on the New York Cotton Exchange and the selling orders which are the heaviest since the attempted corner in 1896 are estimated at 800,000 bales.

(N. C. D. News.)

A Sequel to Mr. Chamberlain's Visit.

LONDON, 28th February.
Mr. Hofmeyr has issued his promised circular, appealing to the Dutch to promote the reconciliation of the races.

England and Siam in the Malay Peninsula.

It transpires that a Convention was concluded last autumn by which Great Britain recognised the suzerainty of Siam over Kelantan and Tringannu (in the Malay Peninsula, north of Pahang), Siam agreeing to appoint British advisers to the local rajahs.

To the Lions' Den.

PEKING, 1st March.

H.E. Chang Chih-tung has lately memorialised the Throne asking permission to proceed to Peking after he has handed over the seals of the Liangkiang Viceroyalty to H.E. Wei Kuang-tao, in order to make a personal report in a special audience of the course of the commercial treaty negotiations, and the efforts for the promotion of education and the drilling of the soldiery which have occupied him during recent years; and he hopes to receive the instructions of the Throne.

The above memorial has been sanctioned and H.E. Chang has telegraphed to the Grand Council, that he will shortly proceed to Peking via Honan (by the Lu-Han railway).

(Kobe Herald.)

The Persian Tariff.

The new tariff adopted by the Persian Government admits Russian goods almost free of duty, while British manufactures continue to be heavily taxed. The *Times* takes anything but a cheerful view of the situation and other journals warmly remonstrate with the Government for putting up with such a state of affairs. It appears likely that the Government will bestir itself. It is suggested in the Press that the occasion demands a demonstration of the efficacy of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

(Manila Cablenews.)

Philippines Tariff Bill.

NEW YORK, March 2.

The club, which the President used so effectively to secure the passage of the Philippines currency bill, has again been brought into action and will be utilized if necessary to compel action on the tariff bill. Messages from the Philippine government have emphasized the necessity of the passage of this bill and the President yesterday sent to Congress a special message setting forth information which he had received from Manila and in which he had received from Congress adjournment.

It is scarcely possible that the bill will be passed. In case it fails, it has been authoritatively stated that the President will renew his threat to call an extra session and will carry it out, probably immediately upon the adjournment of the regular session.

The bill for the reduction of the tariff on Philippine exports into the United States has passed the house and lacks the approval of the Senate. It provides for a reduction on all Philippine imports to twenty-five per cent of the Dingley rates. The Senate agreed to a bill allowing all products except sugar and tobacco free entry, but further than between the houses.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FOR HONGKONG.

TESTS IN JUNE.

The American De Forest Wireless Telegraph Company is preparing to establish large stations in Manila, Hongkong, Honolulu and the Southern end of Lower California, and plans to enter the commercial field in the Pacific in active competition with the cable companies. Large quantities of high power apparatus have been purchased, and the company announces that it will be ready for

its first practical tests by June of this year. Dr. De Forest, the inventor of this American wireless system, has conducted a series of successful tests between Annapolis and Washington. The first he sent was to President Roosevelt, in which he said:

"I have the honour to send you the first greeting by an American wireless telegraph system from Annapolis Naval Academy to Washington, with the conviction that within eighteen months we shall do the same from Manila via Hawaii to California."

Long before the success of trans-Atlantic wireless telegraphy was publicly demonstrated, the officials of the American De Forest Company had completed plans for an elaborate system of gigantic power stations for spanning the Pacific cable, and it is safe to say that there will be no more cables laid across that ocean.

Several months ago the company placed large orders for high-power apparatus with several large manufacturers of electrical apparatus for transformers and generators. Two of the stations shortly to be begun by the company will far exceed in power those in existence to-day for Atlantic work. These two stations (says the *Manila Times* from which the article is taken) are to be in the Philippines, at a point not far from Manila, and the other on the northern-most of the Hawaiian group.

This range from Manila to Honolulu is the longest and most difficult in the world, and plants for generating six kilowatts are laid out for these two stations. Three towers each 250 feet in height, are to be erected as near to high water mark as possible at each station, with the buildings for power-house, receiving and relay offices erected in the coupled direct to three twenty kilowatt generators of forty cycle frequency and of a design to furnish a peculiar form of a wave.

A feature of the designs is the comparatively low potential generated from the transformers, 25,000 volts will be the maximum generated, since by the peculiar form of tuning capacities invented by Dr. De Forest this potential is found to have the carrying capacity of voltages several times as high. This low potential renders the problem of efficient insulation an easy matter, and has moreover the great advantage that the effect of bright sunlight is powerless to discharge the aerial conductors. This latter has been found to be a serious drawback in the Marconi long-distance installations, and renders it at times impossible to transmit signals for 2,000 miles even, except at night. In the tropics this factor is a still more serious one, and will be thus obviated by the American method.

ONE STATION IN CHINA.

In addition to the largest stations at Manila and Hawaii, the company will simultaneously erect a smaller one at Hongkong, China, to work with the Manila station. This will require but twenty-house power, and will obtain its energy from a kerosene oil engine. The towers here will be only 175 feet in height.

The American station will be placed near the southern end of the Lower California peninsula, which is on the line of a great circle with Hawaii. Here three towers 210 feet in height, similar in construction with those at Manila, will hold aloft three screens of vertical wire cable.

At all four of these De Forest stations the electric waves radiated will have a wave length of one and one-half miles. This relatively excessive length of waves has been selected by the company's engineers after careful calculation and experiment as that best adapted for long distance transmission.

SPEEDY WIRE-TRANSMISSION.

The De Forest system is celebrated for the speed of word-transmission which it attains. It holds the record of forty-eight words per minute for this style of telegraphing. By special forms of power-driven transmitter keys designed, this speed is expected to be maintained, even with the enormous quantities of energy which these stations will involve. This speed is far in excess of what is possible on long cable, and even with the two relay stations at Honolulu and the Philippines it is estimated that a regular speed of twenty-eight words per minute can be kept up between the American and China terminal of the range.

The estimated cost for the four stations is, \$25,000 for that at Hongkong, \$50,000 each for those at Manila and Hawaii, and \$15,000 for the California plant, making a total of \$135,000. This investment seems a mere incident when compared to the cable, where a simple break or defective insulation may involve an expenditure of \$50,000 to repair.

DISCOVERY OF CONTRABAND OF WAR.

It is reported in Shanghai mandarin circles (says the *N. C. D. News* of 2nd inst.) that on Friday the Chinese authorities having received information that several hundred cases of breech-loading rifles and accompanying ammunition had been surreptitiously conveyed to a native-owned house, called Tai T'eng-chuan "Tsan," or godown, at a place called Lanni "lu," or ferry, on the Pootung side of the river, a raid was made on the place the same day by a body of Chinese "braves" who seized the contraband without trouble. An employee of the godown was arrested at the same time, but the owner, Tai T'eng-chuan, managed to escape. Besides the arms and ammunition, two uniforms with the cognisance of Marshal Su, now Provincial Commander-in-Chief of Kwangsi, were also found by the officials. This would lead one to suppose that the arms were meant for the Kwangsi rebels under the guise of having been ordered from this province for the use of Marshal Su's army.

QUEEN'S HOTEL, KOWLOON.

A PAYING CONCERN.

We take the following from the *Manila Times* just to hand:—

Hongkong, the Island of Fragrant Streams, and the gate to the pearls of Far Cathay, is each year receiving greater attention, both at the hands of the trader and those on pleasure bent. Its capital, Victoria, lying huddled at the base of a majestic rock, can spread no further, and a cosmopolitan community has long been seeking a resting place after the hours of weary toil in the heart of the city. That has now been secured, for across the beautiful harbour ten minutes from Hongkong's busy life, is the mainland of Kowloon, recently under lease from the Chinese Government for a term of 99 years. Hongkong has seized its opportunity and business men have determined to make it their residential quarter with the result that at the present day, the little suburb of a Colony, beautifully laid out, is fast assuming very important dimensions.

Houses spring up in all directions, business houses are thriving and what is Hongkong's loss is being gained by Kowloon. One of the most important of its buildings is the new Queen's Hotel opened some fifteen months ago. It is a spacious, three-storied structure within five minutes' walk of the Ferry, erected on elevated ground known as Inland Lots 491 and 492, and covering 20,000 square feet. It commands a fine view of the harbour and the craggy peaks on the mainland. The grounds at the back, comprising 12,000 square feet, is admirably suited for a bowling alley, or will probably serve as an additional entrance to the building when the Hongkong-Canton railway is an accomplished fact, as indeed it is within measurable distance of commencement. During the time it has been open, it has been very largely used as a residence for Naval and Military officials, and should the rumoured trouble in the North prove only too true, there is every reason for believing that it will again be occupied by many military and naval officers. That it is a high class establishment there can be no doubt, for Mr. Ruttonjee, the genial proprietor, has spared neither pains nor cost to ensure its being worthy the purpose for which it was intended. There is an imposing entrance, above which hang sixty incandescent lamps, while in the hall, which can be made entirely separate from the adjoining apartments are more incandescent lights. On the left is the entrance to the bar and the spacious billiard room, which can also be separated when occasion requires. Two fine tables, supplied by Messrs. Thurston and Company, Limited, of London at a cost of \$3,000 standing on a mosaic tiled floor, surrounded by length of matting and exceptionally well lighted above, should prove an attraction to the most fastidious of guests. The walls of the room are hung with appropriate pictures, and friends not interested in the game can while away the time in scanning the latest periodicals and papers from Europe and America which will always be found lying on a table specially set apart for them. In the summer the room proved beautifully cool and refreshing while now the visitor considers it the coziest of "snuggeries". Passing across the hall, is to be seen the well lighted and spacious dining-room capable of seating upwards of a hundred guests. As in the billiard-room it is prettily tiled in mosaic, hung with pictures, and in every detail, most effectively arranged. On the first floor there are twenty rooms, each of which has cost over four hundred dollars to fit up and furnish. The drawing room for guests is situated close to the stairs and is appropriately furnished in the Chesterfield style. Adjoining each of the rooms is a well fitted bathroom, where either hot or cold water will be supplied. Elongated beds are placed over the whole of the building. There are twelve similarly well fitted and comfortable rooms on each of the second and third floors, and in addition on the second floor, there is a fine, well lighted apartment which can be used either as a private dining concert, or meeting room. Perhaps one of the most important sections is the lavatories, and here Mr. Ruttonjee has been especially careful to secure everything of the very best. They are flushed by an automatic sluicing tank and appear perfect in every detail. In fact the sanitation of the whole building has been carried out as near perfection as possible. The kitchen is another department that has received special attention. To fit up, it cost \$10,000. There is a large American range at one end of which is a large boiler capable of heating in a very few minutes for hundred gallons of water for use in the Shanghai baths. Indeed to meet the requirements of what is undoubtedly been a long felt want by many.

Mr. Ruttonjee has got the best that money could get, and to add even further to the comforts and enjoyments of his guests, he spent \$37,000 in purchasing ground at the back of the building. The whole of the premises, erected from plans prepared by Mr. Lemm, took eighteen months in building, and to Mr. Ruttonjee's credit it can be fairly stated that he was continually on the work so efficiently carried out by the architect. During our recent stay in the hotel, we had the pleasure of a few minutes chat with the genial proprietor and learned with regret that, owing to failing health and the fact that his other business premises in Hongkong make such a call upon his time, he proposed leaving his hotel for some five years. But he can well afford to do so, as the few months he has had the establishment open the business has shown a very gratifying return. Surely this is an opportunity for some enterprising American to secure the first fruit of the newly opened and rapidly developing territory of Kowloon.

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FRENCH BID FOR TRADE

ON THE CANTON RIVER.

France is making a strong bid for the Canton and West River trades, and the increase of French commerce in these parts is very marked. The French subsidised mail steamer *Hongkong* is now running to all ports of call on the West River and, as soon as the spring tides set in, the larger steamer *Le Rhone* will take her place. We understand that the new subsidised steamer *San Cheung*, recently constructed under the supervision of Mr. H. F. Carmichael, will, within the next six months, be re-placed under the British flag. There will, however, be an increase in French tonnage, as two other steamers, of French build, are in course of completion, and will be employed for the Hongkong-Canton mail, passenger and freight services. These vessels will no doubt be well adapted for the trade, as Mr. E. C. Wilks, well experienced in the local requirements, is in Europe supervising them. The steamers *Hongkong* and *San Cheung* are nominally owned by M. Jean Treuxou. We understand, however, that they are mortgaged to their full value with the real owners, a Chinese syndicate. M. Jean Treuxou deals largely in silk and other merchandise, and co-operates with Mr. Sit Ming Cook. This firm is considered to be very wealthy, and the house-flag of no other firm is more prominent at Canton. It is the tricolour of France, with three stars on the white surface, and may be seen from the Shamoen at almost any time of day, on numerous launches towing heavily laden lighters in various directions.

Commercial.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

RANKS are steady at \$693. INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATIONS are again depressed with sellers at \$108. Small sales effected in CHINA SUGARS at \$101. HONGKONG & WHAMPONG DOCKS have recovered \$3 to \$4; buyers at \$204. Sales effected of KOWLOON GODOWNS at \$94.50. HONGKONG LANDS sellers at \$176. Small sales of HONGKONG HOTELS at \$142 and \$142.50.

PUJUMS.

RESULT OF FEBRUARY CRUSHING.

Mr. W. Kerfoot Hughes, secretary of the Pujum Mining Company, Limited, forwards us the result of crushing which was carried on for a part of the month of February together with extracts from manager's letter to hand this morning as follows:—

Crushed 900 tons of Old Headings for a yield of 70 ounces of smelted Gold. Valued at \$2,800.

The Manager, in a letter received this morning, dated the 21st February, states in regard to the above, and upon the subject of Tin as follows:—"Crushing is being carried on, and as the whole of this month will be occupied on 'Headings from the Siamese workings before we can get at the stone, I anticipate that the crushing will be poor.' 'Tin Land.—'About half a mile from the place where Tin was previously found, we have discovered a large quantity of Wash. In places, fully 1 lb. of low grade Tin Ore can be obtained from one dish. Samples of this have been sent to Singapore for assay. If there is a fair percentage of Tin in the Ore, the find will be a valuable one, as it is close to water, being within a quarter of a mile from the 'Lapis river.'"

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/7 1/2
" Bank Bills, on demand 1/7 1/2
" Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/2
" D'cents 4 months' sight 1/7 1/2
ON BERLIN, (demand) 1/11 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 1/9 1/2
" Credits, 4 months' sight 1/9 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 38 1/2
" Credits, 30 days' sight 39 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 118 1/2
" On demand 118 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 73 1/2
" Private 30 days' sight nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 77 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate \$12.62
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael 65.90
Bar Silver 224

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
MALWA NEW @ \$1,000
" LAST YEAR @ 1,020/1,040
" OLDEST @ 1,060/1,100
PATNA NEW @ 1,112
BENARES NEW @ 1,092
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 78/850

To-day's Advertisements.

MASONIC.

THE MASONIC HALL, READING ROOM will be OPENED on the 12th instant, at 6 P.M.

All Brethren are cordially invited to attend. By Order of the Committee, F. HOWELL.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [2828]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN," Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 10th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [2840]

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

Under the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH, Representative, Mr. ALLAN HAMILTON

TO-NIGHT (FRIDAY), 6th MARCH.

THE BROUGH COMEDY CO. IN "SOWING THE WIND."

LAST NIGHT OF "SOWING THE WIND."

(By arrangement with the author.) A play in Four Acts, by Sydney Grundy.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) and MONDAY, 7th and 8th MARCH.

"WHEN WE WERE TWENTY-ONE."

(By arrangement with the author.) A comedy in Four Acts, by H. V. Esmond.

TUESDAY, 10th MARCH, "THE LIARS."

(By arrangement with the author.) A comedy in Four Acts, by Henry Arthur Jones.

WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH, "THE SECOND MRS. TANQUERAY."

(By arrangement with the author.) A play in Four Acts, by Arthur W. Pinero.

BOX PLANS AT ROBINSON'S.

Dress Circle and Orchestra Stalls, \$4.00. Stalls, \$2.00. Back Seats, \$1.00.

Doors Open 8.30. Curtain 9. Chairs, etc., at 11.30. Late Train to the Peak as usual.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [2810]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW. THE Company's Steamship

"THALES," Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [2800]

THE HONGKONG CARGO EXHIBITION

The Hongkong Cargo Exhibition, from above Ports having arrived per "YUENSANG" from MANILA.

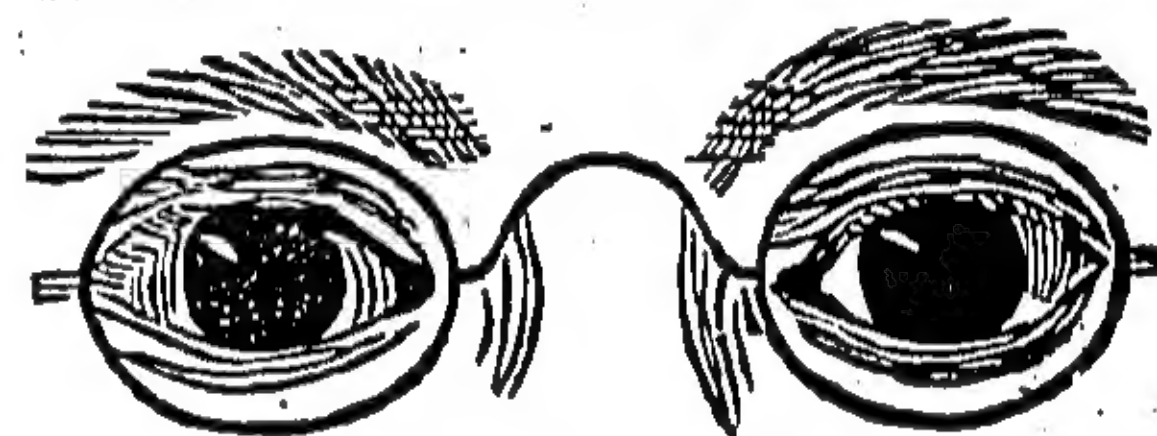
Consignees are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1903. [2850]



THE HISTORY

Of impaired and lost eyesight, cataracts and other diseased conditions of the eyes is generally associated with delay in getting first glasses, cheap spectacles, tramp spec, bungling of incompetent and the indiscriminate wearing of others' discarded glasses.

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"BLACKWOOD" ATTACKS THE WAR OFFICE.

The February number of the old *Trinity Blackwood's Magazine* contains a slashing attack upon our naval and military headquarters' organization, and especially the War Office and its chiefs. It begins in the good old "Christopher North" style, says a young Radical ha' penny:

"The ridiculous mystery which enshrouds the proceedings of our councils of defence has long been an anachronism, and is fast becoming a danger." Then:

"The genuine distrust of our military administration, on the other hand, a feeling common to all parties and devoid of all party bias, is founded on a sincere and well-grounded belief that there is something radically rotten and unsound in the system of Pall-mall. We have the papers, on the late Colonial Conference, which disclose in the crudest fashion the entire misconception by the War Office of the elementary principles, the opinions, and ideals which lie at the root of colonial self-government. But this is not all. In these papers there will be found two documents of the highest importance, not so much in themselves as in the powerful light they throw upon the complete divergence of views which exists between our naval and military counsellors.

TWO SERVICES AT VARIANCE. "The first of these papers is the Admiralty Memorandum on Sea Power, a brief, lucid, and unimpeachable statement of principle, which clearly and vigorously affirms that the traditional role of the British navy is the offensive, and rejects with scorn, and contempt the very word 'defence.' Opposed to this we have the War Office theory, 640,000 men in arms, of whom all but 120,000 are confessedly and deliberately organised for passive defence—that is to say, for a kind of warfare which our naval strategists refuse to contemplate for a moment.

"It is abundantly clear that one or other must be wrong, and, if wrong, then much of the expense which these armaments entail upon the public must be avoidable."

THE WAR OFFICE IDEAL.

"The War Office ideal of strategy gives us, in addition to recruits and non-effectives, 190,000 men for home garrisons; 200,000 men, more or less, for the defence of London, and a home field army of 150,000 men; with 80,000 white troops for India, and 20,000 for the colonial garrisons. We must, therefore, carry forward a total of half a million men at least, committed, by the nature of their functions and the law of their recruiting, to a task which is nothing more or less than a sinecure unless our navy is driven from the seas.

"These numbers," said Mr. Brodrick in the Colonial Premier, "are certainly not deemed too large by our military advisers, in view of the possibility of our at any time losing the command of the sea."

AN ABSENCE OF COMPREHENSION. "The veil is lifted and the murder is out! No words could express more vividly the entire absence of comprehension of the real problem that confronts our military advisers." The statement quoted is in direct conflict with the Duke of Devonshire's famous declaration of 1896—"The maintenance of sea supremacy has been assumed as the basis of the system of Imperial defence against attacks from over the sea!" The high augurs are not in union; we are back in the old, extravagant and disastrous system of government in compartments.

"The best defence lies in the attack; we have proved it times out of number throughout our history, and on innumerable battlefields, not one of which has been fought in England. If five-sixths of our land forces were available for overseas operations and one-sixth organized to sit still at home, instead of vice versa, we should be nearer the mark; but even then should crumble, as we paid for the one-sixth at home and merely consent to the measure as a concession to our decadents and to the old women of both sexes.

A POINT NO ONE KNOWS. "Our resources, though great, are not unlimited. In organizing forces which we cannot send abroad and cannot use at home, strategic dementia has reached its climax—the problem has been solved by the reduction ad absurdum."

"Buttonhole one of those solemn old gentlemen in Pall Mall, whose daily existence has only three fixed points—the office, the luncheon-room at the Regent, and their West Kensington fireside—stop them and ask them why they ask us to pay for 640,000 men, mostly organized to do nothing at home; ask them when last England was invaded, and why ask them who is going to invade us, and how ask them when last a British battery on the coast fired a shot in anger; ask them when a fort in the interior of England or Scotland was ever of service to man or beast. Ask them—and they will not tell you, because they do not know, and neither does anyone else.

INCAPABLE OF FORSAK'NG GROOVES. "Occupied with the harassing duties of a pettifoggery administration, the old gentlemen who sit in Pall-mall have little leisure, even if they had the inclination, and were not too old to learn, to sit at the feet of our naval strategists; and so they continue in the old heresies, incapable of moving out of the well-worn grooves until their brief term of office is ended, when they are succeeded by another set from Dum-Dum, or Tongoo, or Ahmednuggur, who replace them in the usual course, and spend the golden hours in endeavouring to get a further corporal allotted to the military police at Cairo, or Army Form A.Z. No. 3333 included in the list of stationery which a wretched commander in the field is presented with as a parting gift, as he leaves Southampton Docks.

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Lord X, or Y, or Z, as the case may be, points to a brand-new copper-bottomed fort on Box-hill—labelled "Dangerous to Cyclists"—and asks us to admire and reverence it as the last word of Pall-mall profundity."

AN OLYMPIAN IMPOSTURE.

And we have to depend upon two bodies which are thus characterized:— "The first of these is the Naval and Military Committee of Defence. One of the wisest creations of Sir Redvers Buller. Has it accepted the new schemes, as grandiose as useless, without protest? It is hard to believe that the naval members have been so remiss, but it is conceivable that they have not considered it their duty to interfere with a part of the administration that is not their province. But above them stands the Cabinet and that Olympian imposture the Cabinet Committee of Defence, and it is not possible to exonerate this body from blame, since it is armed with plenary powers.

"All attempts to extract from the Government any hint of the advice given by these bodies have proved failures. And perhaps happily so, for if the public knew all that passes in these councils it is conceivable that they would amuse themselves from the indolent lethargy which is such a source of gratification to every Government.

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"Fed on such provender, the members of the Council meet, wearied with the cares of office, and only too glad to find any definite proposal before them; and if a fortunate disclosure of State secrets were ever to give us an insight into those papers and the resolutions framed upon them, the gaiety of nations would receive a very agreeable and exhilarating addition. But all, asses in the dark, the harm is done, and all the country knows is that it is asked to pay for 640,000 men, who are to be employed in burnishing their arms at home, while the navy is fighting abroad."

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 28th February, 1903. [14]

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E. W. TILDEN, Agent. Hongkong, 28th February, 1903. [1]

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 4th March, 1903. [272e]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1903. [257e]

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The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1903.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

The discovery at the eleventh hour, when
the ex-members of the defunct Sanitary
Board, as constituted by legislation revoked
under the new Public Health and Buildings
Bill, had assembled at the Sanitary
Board room yesterday in what would have
been solemn conclave, reveals an oversight
in certain departments of the Government
which is not easily explainable to the com-
mon mind. The Hongkong Sanitary Board
ceased to exist from the 21st February when
Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 to consolidate and
amend the laws relating to Public Health
and to Buildings was assented to by His
Excellency the Governor "in the name of and
on behalf of the King," and promulgated in
the *Government Gazette* of the 27th ultimo.
In pursuance of section 2 of the said Ordinance
a number of enactments and bye-laws,
set out in schedules A and B to the new
law, were repealed, and among them was
Ordinance No. 13 of 1901, which was revoked
in toto. By virtue of Ordinance 13 of 1901
the Board was constituted. It performed the
functions of an Advisory Board, as it
were, to the Government on sanitary
matters, and in its discussions have enabled
the public to know something of what
has been done from time to time in
regard to the sanitary welfare and the
protection of the public health of the Colony.
Section 8, *et sequentes*, of the new law
confer the necessary powers for the recon-
stitution of the Sanitary Board and invest
it with formal powers in regard to a
number of matters which are fully set out in
the various sections and sub-sections. The
appointment of the members of the Board
was duly provided for in accordance with
the usual formalities which are stated in
sections 9 and 10 and schedule C to the
Ordinance. One of the provisions relating to
the appointment is that "the names of
all members appointed to the Board shall
be forthwith notified in the *Gazette*, and any
number of the *Gazette* containing a notice
of any such appointment shall be deemed
sufficient evidence thereof for all purposes."
No such public appointment has yet been
notified in pursuance of Ordinance No. 1
of the present year, and we take it therefore
that, technically speaking, the Board, which
was formed under the old law of 1901, has not
yet been reconstituted. This is, presumably,
the effect of Dr. Atkinson's statement made
at yesterday's meeting and reported by us
in our issue last evening that, "the Board
does not exist." The discovery of this
technical oversight after two weeks from the
date of the assent to the Ordinance, and one
week of its publication in the official *Gazette*,
must be attributed to that negligence in
Government departments which does
not often occur with business people.
Doubts naturally arise in connection with
the validity of the actions of the Board
since its extinction by the repeal of the
Ordinance on the 21st February last. We
take it that all orders and actions of that
Body between that date and its reappoint-
ment in proper and legal form must be
invalid, and cannot have any effect legally
speaking. This is not the first instance where
the Government have been found remiss in
the observance of the laws which the Legis-
lature has framed. It was in connection with
the Sanitary Board also that the first negli-
gence is to be traced. We allude to the
case of the appointment of Mr. A. W. Brewin,
when a validating Ordinance had to be
subsequently brought before the Legisla-
tive Council and passed in order to legalise
the appointment of Mr. Brewin at the
time as a member of the Board. It
would seem that a similar step must be
taken in order to establish the legality of the
action of the Sanitary Board in all matters
which have come within its province to be
dealt with during the past fortnight, and
until such time as it is reconstituted. The
sooner such a Bill is brought in and passed
by the Council the less will be the likelihood
of endless irritation which might be caused by
doubts arising from the action of the Sanitary
Board at this most critical stage of the Colony
when a recrudescence of an epidemic of
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already learned to speak "pidgin" Russian.

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line strictly fresh. Call and see him, 31, Des
Vieux Road, Central.—*Advt.*

THE band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will
play on the New Parade Ground, on Monday
next, the 9th inst., from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

THE first steamer to arrive at the Tientsin bund
this season was the Hamburg-American liner
Vorwa 15 which reached there on the morning
of the 5th ult.

THERE will be a cricket match at the Happy
Valley to-morrow, commencing at 2.15 p.m.
between the Craigengower Cricket Club and
Mr. H. A. Lammer's Eleven.

IF natives were charged this afternoon
before Mr. F. A. Hazeland with keeping dogs
without a licence. They were each fined \$1,
and ordered to procure the necessary permit.

THE *Daily Express* says that there is no truth
in the statement that the Ocean Steamship
Company of Liverpool will carry Chinese from
the East to South Africa. The O. S. Co. is
always open to do good business, and if it be
decided to import Chinese labour to South
Africa, no doubt Mr. Holt will see his way to
"chip in."

A GERMAN journalist has made a list of monu-
ments erected in Germany to the Emperor
William I. They number 318, have cost over a
million pounds, and 106 sculptors have been
engaged on them. The paper thinks that the
money squandered in making "animated
marble frowns" would have been better spent
in filling empty stomachs, and covering naked
backs.

THE proposed motor car road from London to
Windsor would traverse the country midway
between Ealing on the north and Brentford
and Hounslow on the south, would be 100 feet
wide, would have four tracks for different
classes of traffic, and would open up for hous-
ing purposes 10,000 acres of land within easy
reach of the city but not served now by either
road or rail.

CERTAIN districts of Bengal are sadly smitten,
and the death rate is steadily rising within
them. The mortality is very nearly as high
again as that on the similar period of last year,
but not equal to the figures of 1901. Saran
District is worst with about 1,300 deaths
weekly, Patna coming next with about half that
number, while Shahabad, Darbhanga, Monghyr,
Muzafferpur follow.

A SPECIAL cable from the *Pioneer's* corre-
spondent, says that the 1st Battalion Sea
Guards, at Windsor, have lost about fifty men
from desertion since Christmas. "Two ser-
geants and seventeen privates deserted prac-
tically en masse. Two men have been found
drowned in the Thames. The men complain
of excessive pickets and parades, and an
investigation has been ordered.

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Yes. Oh, send me a supply of No. 3 films. I
am about to take a trip and shall need a fresh
supply of films. Thanks.—Will send same
immediately. Goodbye—Good-bye.—*Advt.*

THE French Customs Commission have ap-
proved a Bill, provisionally granting minimum
tariffs on food-stuffs from countries concluding
agreements with France before February 24.
Agreements have already been concluded
regarding the Seychelles, and negotiations
concerning India, Ceylon and Mauritius are
approaching conclusion. We suppose that this
Colony will be on the same footing as the
others mentioned.

A NATIVE cook, of the s.s. *Chingtu*, was charged
before Mr. F. A. Hazeland this morning at the
instance of W. B. Brown, master of the ship,
with unlawfully aiding and abetting a native to
stowaway from Port Darwin to Hongkong, with
intent to defraud the owners. The case was
adjourned, the defendant being allowed out
on bail in the sum of \$250, and the stowaway
having to find \$150 for his temporary freedom.

THE Crown Princess of Saxony is said to be
determined to abandon the Roman Catholic
faith and to become a member of the Protes-
tant Church. M. Giron is reported to have
come to the same resolution. It is affirmed
that the court wish the Crown Prince to re-
nounce his rights, and to declare his son-in-
law heir apparent to the throne. It is said
that the Prince may consent to this arrange-
ment. In Saxony the Crown Princess is still
popular.

L'Opinion of Saigon sums up the Hanoi Ex-
hibition in the following terms: "We do not
however much regret what has been done. If
a lot of money has been expended, we can
hope, by the great publicity that has resulted
for Indo-China; that we have effected there an
advance of capital which will be soon regained.
Besides has not M. Beauharnais, in his nume-
rous speeches, affirmed his sympathy with
regard to the labourer and promised his
assistance to all those who are disposed to
co-operate in the development of the riches of
the Colony. Let us then have confidence and
resolve, by our combined efforts, to make still
greater this Indo-China of whose infinite re-
sources we know to-day."

Every mail brings fresh films, dry plates and
printing paper for LeManYung direct from New
York.—*Advt.*

At the instance of Inspector Mackenzie, six
natives were charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp,
for failing to open a space in the rear of their
buildings, contrary to Ordinance No. 13 of 1901.
They pleaded guilty to the charge, and were
fined \$25 each.

THE St. Petersburg Authorities are supporting
the Russo-Chinese Bank in connection with the
Bank's offer to construct and supply funds for
the Seoul-Wiju Railway. This action is arous-
ing vigorous protests in the British Press, and
the *Times* takes a somewhat pessimistic view.

FRANK Waters, a gunner from H.M.S. *Albatross*,
after imbibing too much of the fiery liquor,
created a row in the Victoria Rotisserie, smashed
property to the value of \$15, and then behaved
in a disorderly conduct at the Star Ferry Pier.
Including compensation he had to pay \$12 for
the spree.

BEFORE Mr. F. A. Hazeland this afternoon,
Mr. J. S. Murray, chief engineer of the *S.S.*
Tai On, was charged with assaulting the head
steward of that vessel. Mr. J. Hays, of Messrs.
Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the
prosecutor, and after evidence had been led
Mr. Murray was fined \$10.

Films, Dry Plates, Printing Paper, Chemicals,
all kinds of Cameras and Kodaks, and all pho-
tographic material, best that is made, can be
had at LeManYung's.—*Advt.*

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and
officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry
will play at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow
(Saturday), evening from 8 to 9.30 p.m.:—

PROGRAMME.
March..... "Piper's Hill"..... Andrew
Overture..... "Lodovick"..... Cherubini.
Selection..... "The Lady Slavey"..... Crook.
Entrance..... "Rosamund"..... Schubert.
Selection..... "An Artist's Model"..... Sidney Jones.
Valse..... "L'Alban"..... Reyls.
Lancers.....
Hacarrille..... "Characteristick"..... Contorno.
God Save the King.

Some of the Filipinos who visited the Hanoi
expositions have returned to their native land
in a somewhat battered condition. A few
weeks ago one or two got mixed in a quarrel
with the Exposition Guards and as a result
three of the guards were badly stabbed, one of
whom almost died from the effects of his
wounds. It is the intention of Senor Gomez
to prosecute the Exposition officials for dama-
ges on accounts of insufficient protection
afforded the natives as per the terms of their
contract.

ALTHOUGH many are in the habit of illegally
fishing for coal in Admiralty grounds native
fishermen transgress the law if they use their
craft other than for purposes of fishing for fish.
This morning one of the fishy gentlemen
forsook his puny boat and went aboard the
dock at the magistracy, where he was charged
with being in unlawful possession of 141 lbs.
of Welsh coal, and with using his fishing boat
for carrying coal instead of for the purpose for
which it was licensed. A fine of \$100 would
meet the case, but the mariner bold had not
the wherewithal to secure an exit from the
precincts of the gaol, to use a hackneyed term,
he went below, for two months.

SENATOR Lodge is more hopeful of securing
the desired immigration legislation to admit
of a restricted number of Chinese artisans than
are the representatives of Manila business
interests who have looked over the situation.
No bill providing for Chinese immigration into
the Philippines has yet been introduced, it
being the policy of those especially interested
to get the coinage and the tariff bills out of the
way first. Senator Lodge, however, seems to
think that such a bill can be put through with-
out very great opposition. This is hardly pos-
sible at this session because the immigration
question once raised is sure to arouse discus-
sion and the time is short.

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Systems, Druggists' Prescriptions, Labels,
Drafts, Orders, Receipts, Letters and all Docu-
ments that require correct and legible number-
ing use the "Follett Numbering Machine".
Do not miss our chance but get one at
LeManYung's.—*Advt.*

FOOT BALL.
A DRAWN BATTLE.

The semi-final shield match was played off
last evening between teams from the *Ocean*
and *Glory*, and, judging by the number and the
excitement of spectators, a very popular game
was witnessed. The *Oceans*, who played one
man short, kicked off, and in spite of their
shortage appeared to be more or less the ag-
gressors throughout. At half time each side
had scored a goal, and the finish resulted
in a two-goal tie. A stop was called during
the second half, on account of injury to one of
the *Oceans*. The hardy tar, however, stuck to
his guns and played in one boot, more than
one of both teams being the worse for wear.
Saturday's game will have to be postponed.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,
Acting Director of the Hongkong Obser-
vatory.

On the 6th at 11.55 a.m. The depression is
moving into the Pacific to the N.E. of Japan,
with a rapid decrease of pressure at Nauru.
The barometer has risen considerably elsewhere
in Japan, and a slight rise has also taken place
on the China coast.

Pressure is higher over N.E. China, and rela-
tively low over the N. part of the China Sea and
the Pacific to the S.E. of Formosa.

Gradients continue steep with very strong
monsoon over the Formosa Channel, and increas-
ing monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast: strong N.E. winds, unsettled,
drizzling rain.

THE THEATRE.

"SOWING THE WIND."

Last night the Brough Company staged
Sydney Grundy's play *Sowing the Wind*, and
prepared as we were by a list of performances
where acting and staging had both been of a
high standard of excellence, we were not sur-
prised that this piece was put on in a manner
befitting the high traditions of the Brough
Company. In *Sowing the Wind* we are taken
back to about sixty years ago, when trousers
were tight and morals were loose. Mr. Braba-
zon, a well-to-do gentleman, thinking he has
no children of his own, takes unto himself a
stepson, Ned Annesley, who, after the manner of
sons and stepsons on the stage, falls in love
with the one woman among the infinite num-
ber from whom he has to select that he ought
not to. This lady, Rosamund by name, not
only bears a very dubious reputation herself,
but to aggravate matters has a strange dearth
of antecedents, which circumstances compel
Mr. Brabazon to refuse his sanction to the
alliance of his son, or rather stepson, with a
lady of such unknown quantity, and to refuse
to pat the young people on the head and say
"Bless you, my children, bless you" after the
approved methods of stage fathers. He is
supported in this attitude by Mr. Watkin, his
fidus Achates, a pessimistic old gentleman,
claiming to have been the one who has
inspired all the correct moves in Mr. Brabazon's
life, and who adopts the "I told you so"
attitude towards what he considers the wrong
ones. To cut a long story short, Rosamund
proves to be the natural child of Mr. Brabazon,
who had deserted her mother at the instigation
of his friend Mr. Watkin, who had been
persuaded by the villain, Lord Petworth, that
the lady was faithless. It having been clearly
shown that Rosamund's mother had been the
party sinned against and Mr. Brabazon the
sinner, and also that Rosamund herself was a
woman without spot or stain beyond her lack
of legitimate ancestry, a luck due to the fault
of Mr. Brabazon, that gentleman can only give
the young people his blessing and ask for for-
giveness for his sin. Then the curtain falls
leaving them all to be "happy ever after."

In *Rosamund* Mrs. Brough has one of the
parts that so frequently fall to her lot that of
the lady whose love affair runs anything but
smooth, and we can only say that in it Mrs.
Brough is Mrs. Brough at her best. To say
further would be an absurd attempt to paint
the lily. Mr. Brough as Mr. Brabazon gives
us a very fine portrayal of the affectionate
parent thinking only for the good of his adopted
son, and in Acts III and IV, when his own
fault comes home, to him his acting was superb.

When writing of Mr. Brough we somehow can-
not keep Charles Wyndham out of our mind
and we should like to see the first named in
David Currier. Mr. McIntyre in the character
of Mr. Watkin is an exceedingly lovable old
Jonathan to Mr. Brabazon's David, and we must
congratulate him on his exposition of this
part, the finest we have yet seen him in.
Mr. W. T. Lovell makes an ideal Ned Annesley,
a faithful lover who is prepared to risk every-
thing for the sake of his lady-love and
strong in his belief that she is what she
eventually turns out to be, a pure woman. Mr.
Vere's *Sir Richard Currier* is a fine sketch
of the sporting, gambling young "blood"
of the period, troubled with anything but brains
and Mr. Orlando Daly as the villain, Lord
Petworth, acts the part so faithfully as to de-
serve a storm of hisses. The Hon. Mrs. Fre-
well of Miss Temple and the *Maud Frewell*,
of Miss Gibson are faithful likenesses of a
scandal-loving, mischief-making mother and a
giggling, empty-headed daughter probably
destined to fill her mother's shoes. The minor
parts are in capable hands, and as previously
indicated the play is staged in first class style
and in manner suited to give an admirable
setting to the talented acting. The effort of
the whole play was to leave us in the Oliver
Twist-like attitude of asking for "more."

The full cast is as follows:—
Mr. Brabazon (a Widower)..... Mr. Brough.
Mr. Watkin (a Bachelor)..... Mr. McIntyre.
Ned Annesley..... Mr. W. T. Lovell.
Lord Petworth..... Mr. Orlando Daly.
Sir Richard Currier..... Mr. Ernest Vere.
Mr. Deakin (Attorney-at-Law)..... Mr. Percy Walsh.
Glossop (a Butler)..... Mr. M. McLean.
Webb (a Valet)..... Mr. Hignson.
Hon. Mrs. Frewell..... Miss Temple.
Maud Frewell..... Miss Brenda Gibson.
Bridget (a Housekeeper)..... Miss Helen Bogle.
Rosamund..... Mrs. Brough.

**"WHEN WE WERE TWENTY-
ONE."**

To-morrow night another new play will be
presented by Mr. Brough. *When We Were
Twenty-one* has been accorded a most flatter-
ing reception in New York, London and the
principal cities in Australia. Of Mr. Brough's
performance a Sydney contemporary wrote as
follows:—"It has been said that the nearer a
play comes to showing what might, and in a
large number of instances does, take place in
the lives of ordinary men and women, the
closer it is to the ideal of a successful drama
or comedy. What people might do is specula-
tively interesting, but what they actually do
has a more immediate and warmer interest.
When We Were Twenty-one is, therefore, be-
witching, because it throws a delicately-colored,
light upon the play of human passion as every
man and woman knows it, and sees it around
them. That Mr. Brough's Company played it
to perfection on Saturday night for the first
time in Sydney is perhaps sufficiently proved
by the frequent applause of the audience, and
the vociferous demand for the curtain to be
raised several times at the end of each act.

Briefly put, the story of the play is of an old
man's love for a young girl. Dick Carewe has
taken charge of his dead friend's boy, and in
the task of looking after him he is assisted by
three other men, Sir Horace Plumley ("Waddle"),
Colonel Miles Graham, and Terence

Mr. Grub. Carewe's housekeeper has a pretty
daughter, Phyllis Ericson, with whom he is in
love, and by whom he is loved. But this is un-
known to each other. Carewe's affection for the
boy called "The Imp" is unbounded, and gets
him engaged to Phyllis. "The Imp," however,
becomes entangled with a music-hall artist
known as "The Firefly," a woman, as one of the
character says, who is not approached with cer-
emony. His association with this woman is dis-
covered by a letter dropped in the house. Carewe,
in order to save the knowledge of the boy's in-
discretion from Phyllis, allows it to be under-
stood that "The Firefly" is the object of his
passion. But his good-hearted deception is
in the end exposed. At the last "The Imp"
marries "The Firefly," only to be immediately
deserted in favor of a former lover, and Carewe
becomes united to Phyllis.

There are some strong scenes in the play,
notably where Carewe is striving to carry off
the deception to Phyllis, and where "The Imp,"
blind with rage at what has been done by
Carewe and his friends to stop his alliance with
"The Firefly," has a furious interview and sub-
sequent reconciliation with his old friend and
guardian. Both these scenes are, in fact, ex-
quisitely managed, and are, even by themselves,
well worth seeing.

Two nights only will be devoted to *When We
Were Twenty-one*, to-morrow (Saturday) and
Monday.

DESPERADOES FIRE HOUSES
KILLING FIFTY PEOPLE.

At dead of night a few days ago, in Lap Hong
Hui, a village in the prefecture of Sai Chew,
robbers attempted to carry off pieces of timber
to be used in the building of a military watch
house. They were, however, detected by the
night guards, and in a struggle that ensued one
of the men was caught, and next day, tied to a
pole in the village square and publicly flogged.
On learning of the fate of their companion, the
other robbers mustered a force of over a hundred
and made a rush into the village and tried to
effect the release of their man. A fierce hand to
hand struggle then took place, but on reinforce-
ments arriving on the side of the villagers, the
robbers beat a hasty retreat and sought refuge
in a few houses. Finding no means of escape
they set fire to the premises and got away.

It is reported that over fifty houses were thus
destroyed and about twenty persons mostly
women and children perished. The matter has
been reported by the village elders to the
Viceroy and, according to advices, he has
deputed two military *weiyuen* to the scene
to make inquiries.

ROYAL H.K. YACHT CLUB
AND THE H.K. BOAT CLUB.

Members of the Royal H.K. Yacht Club, as-
sembled in the Cricket Club Pavilion last evening,
to consider the advisability of amalga-
mating with the Hongkong Boat Club. Among those
present were: Hon. F. H. May (chairman),
Messrs. Clark, A. Denison, Ryan, Mitchell,
Ough, Deacon, Thornhill, Blood, Rouse and
M. W. Slade (hon. secretary).

After the usual formalities the chairman
addressed the assembly, and in the course
of his remarks said that a new site was necessary
and that the cost of the only site available was
more than the Club was able to face alone;
besides it was doubtful if they could obtain the
site without co-operation with the Boat Club.

The Hon. May then moved that that meeting
approve of the amalgamation of the Boat Club
with the Yacht Club in the event of the propos-
ed new site for the combined Clubs being ob-
tained from the Government.

Mr. Denison seconded, and the motion was
carried unanimously.

**RAILWAY SLEEPERS IN
HANKOW.**

The number of railway sleepers imported to
Hankow in 1902 reached 250,000 of which 150,000
came from Hokkaido, 50,000 from France and
50,000 from Russia. The Japanese product is
in excellent wood and quite cheap. But owing
to imperfect method of preparation, one-third
of the Japanese sleepers imported to Hankow
were rejected being considered useless for rail-
way purposes. Besides, the fissures that the heat
of Hankow caused to appear on the surface of
the sleepers, were thought to weaken the wood.
So the railway authorities used French sleepers
dipped once in creosote in preference to the
Japanese. But according to the *Asahi*, creosote
works are now being built in Hankow with a
view to giving the required chemical treat-
ment to the Japanese sleepers, which, it is
hoped, will be exclusively used in the future
in the construction of the railways in the
vicinity of Hankow.

THE PLAGUE.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon
to-day three further cases of bubonic plague,
making 51 since January 1st, were notified as
having occurred in Hongkong. They were all
fatal Chinese cases. One was found at the
entrance to Swatow Lane; another from 27,
Ui Hing Lane; and the third from 161, Queen's
Road East.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
Australian (*Changsha*) to-morrow.
Canadian (*Athenian*) 9th inst.
Indian (*Arcturion*) 10th inst.
French (*Sidney*) 11th inst.
Indian (*Leitani*) 11th inst.
American (*China*) 13th inst.
Australian (*Eastern*) 13th inst.
American (*Doric*) 21st inst.

The N. Y. K. Co.'s steamer *Hitachi Maru*
(European Line) left Singapore for this port to-
day, 6th inst., and is expected to arrive here on
the 11th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer
Athenian arrived at Shanghai at 5.30 a.m., on
Friday, the 6th inst., and left again at noon
same day for Hongkong where she is due to
arrive at 8 a.m., on Monday, the 9th inst.

COTTAM & CO. FOR TRESS'S STRAW
and FELT HATS.

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ING GEAR.

COTTAM & CO. FOR WASHING
BOW TIES.

COTTAM & CO. FOR PANAMA HATS.

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUN HATS.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

Members of Parliament to Visit France

LONDON, 4th August.

A large party composed of Members of the House of Commons will return the visit of the French deputies on 25th November; seventy members have already accepted the invitation.

The Irish Land Bill.

The Irish Land Bill has passed the second reading in the House of Lords.

The Somaliland Expedition.

Mr. Brodrick stated in the House of Commons that ammunition possessing a greater stopping power than the service ammunition, had been sent to Somaliland.

LATER.

Election of the New Pope.

Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto has been elected Pope and assumed the name of Pius X.; the election was most impressive and the Pope blessed the people from the balcony of St. Peter's. The new Pope is known for his broad-mindedness and friendliness to the Quirinal. King Emmanuel telegraphed his satisfaction at the election and the general opinion is that Pius X. will be more of a spiritual than a political personage.

(N. C. D. News.)

Alleged Kuropatkin Convention.

Tokio, 29th July.

The statement published in Berlin as to the conclusion of a Russo-Japanese Convention during General Kuropatkin's visit to Tokio is absolutely baseless.

[Thus ends this attempt to draw Berlin wool over the eyes of the world.]

Dissatisfaction with the War Office.

London, 29th July.

Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., is to preside at a meeting on the 30th instant to protest against Mr. Blandford's proposal to keep a force of 25,000 men in South Africa and charge India with the extra pay of the soldiers.

The Sugar Convention Bill.

London, 30th July.

Mr. Chamberlain contended that the Sugar Convention Bill will secure free trade in sugar and protect us against a monopoly. It was a tardy act of justice to the colonies.

He mentioned that he had information showing that there was not the slightest probability of the formation of an international sugar combination.

He condemned the extravagant language of the speakers on the opposite side, and said that "as we are on the eve of a great economic fight, it would be well for all of us, whatever our views, to keep cool, and not turn an economic issue into a personal fight."

Russian Aggression Condoned by Korea.

Tokio, 30th July.

The Korean Government contemplates the repurchase of the lands privately acquired by the Russians at Yong-Ampho (at the mouth of the Yalu), and thenceforward leasing these lands to the Russian holders, thus legalising the tenure that was originally obtained in defiance of the treaties.

This display of Korea's tendency to condone the Russian aggressions has been the cause of comment in Japan, where the Russian Settlement at Yong-Ampho is regarded as a second Port Arthur in embryo.

(Kobe Herald.)

Russia and Japan.

A MOBILISATION OF RUSSIAN TROOPS.

London, 23rd July.

The Odessa correspondent of the Standard announces the mobilisation of one hundred and thirty thousand Russian troops. The entire force is to be immediately despatched by railway to the Amur district.

Arrangements have been made for a special meeting of the Imperial Council immediately on General Kuropatkin's arrival in St. Petersburg. The object of the Council is to consider military dispositions in view of eventualities.

Eleven torpedo boats are to leave Cronstadt on the 28th inst. for the Far East, to reinforce the Russian Pacific Squadron.

The Russian Volunteer Fleet steamer *Smolensk*, 12,000 tons, 20 knots, has passed through the Bosphorus, apparently empty. Her destination is Port Arthur. Five vessels of a similar type remain in the harbor of Odessa.

Preparations for Eventualities.

Peking, 23rd July.

The trains running between Yinkao (Newchwang) and Shanhaikwan have been flying Russian colours since the day before yesterday. 300 Russian soldiers have been sent to Ching-wantao from Shanhaikwan. This news gave rise to reports that the Russians had decided upon the occupation of Chinese territory, but to-day's telegram from Ching-wantao states that two out of three companies of Russian troops at Shanhaikwan have been withdrawn to Kinchow. The Russians are building barracks at Tetsurei to accommodate 3,000 men.

Mr. Lessar has been very quiet since returning from Port Arthur. Prince Ching sent Lien-fang to the Russian Legation to urge the Minister to conclude the negotiations respecting Manchuria. Lien-fang called on the Japanese Legation on his way from the Russian Legation to-day.—Mainichi.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

THE S.S. "HONGKONG MARU."

The majestic steamship *Hongkong Maru*, which arrived from San Francisco, via ports, yesterday was, later in the afternoon, towed across the harbour to the Kowloon Locks at Hungghom where she now lies alongside for some little "doing-up" by the Dock Co. While at San Francisco the Japanese liner was furnished throughout with new upholstery at considerable expense to the Toyo Kisen Kaisha. Other improvements were also made, and the liner to-day is in more attractive shape than since her maiden voyage four or five years ago.

THE SHANGHAI SEDITION CASE.

At the meeting of the Municipal Council which was held on the 20th ult., the famous Supra case was brought to the attention of the members of the Council. After consideration of a communication from the Counsel for the defence in this case, and noting the conditions under which the prosecution at the Mixed Court was adjourned, as reported in the newspapers, it was decided to address a telegram to the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body in Peking stating the fact of the case as known, and requesting that the trial be held in the Settlement. A further suggestion was embodied in the message to the effect that the Diplomatic Body should assure the Chinese Government that, to prevent future possibility of offensive or seditious publications in the Settlement, steps should forthwith be taken by the Diplomatic and Consular Bodies and the Council to have the supervision and control of native papers made a subject of local legislation, with a view to licensing them under byelaw XXXIV, and to the Land Regulations.—*Shanghai Daily Press*.

THE MACKAY TREATY RATIFIED.

News was received in Shanghai on the 29th ult. that the ratifications of the Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and China, signed in Shanghai on the 3rd September last, by Sir James Mackay and Lu Hui-huan and Sheng Hsuan-huai, have been exchanged.—*Mercury*.

THE INCOME-TAX IN JAPAN.

INCREASED WEALTH OF THE PEOPLE.

In giving a *rendu* of the revenue derived by Japan from the Income-tax, the *Osaka Asahi* states that of all the national taxes none has shown a more remarkable increase than the income-tax in the past ten years. The revenue from this source, which amounted to only about ¥1,237,000 in 1893, the year before the Japan-China war, has now increased sixfold, or to about ¥7,435,000. Owing to the depression of trade, the actual revenue from the Saké-tax for the last fiscal year showed a deficit of some ¥12,000,000 on the estimate; but last year's revenue from the Income-tax was very satisfactory, the amount being some ¥13,000,000 above the estimate. It is explained that the principal cause of the large increase in the revenue from this source is the amendment made to the Income-tax Law in 1898, by which the rate has been increased. The increase of the revenue alone cannot, of course, be taken as a mark of the growth of the national wealth, continues the *Asahi*, but the following comparative table of the estimated income of the people in the past nine years will show a marked development in wealth:

	INCOME.
1893	¥1,237,444
1894	¥9,479,716
1895	¥17,553,679
1896	¥27,299,738
1897	¥47,676,544
1898	¥68,480,444
1899	¥77,603,070
1900	¥356,145,579
1901	¥397,851,352

As will be seen from the above figures, the amount of income shows a fourfold increase in the nine years under review, but the actual increase of wealth is not so large as it appears, when the fact that the purchasing value of the money has largely declined is taken into consideration. Another cause of the increase in the Income-tax returns is the greater vigilance shown by the revenue authorities in the important matter of levying the tax on those who are liable to pay, though there are still, as we have endeavoured to show on more than one occasion, thousands who easily escaped payment. It appears, however, an indisputable fact that the wealth of the people continues to increase despite the general complaints about the great depression of trade.—*Kobe Herald*.

THE HUNAN STEAMSHIP CO.

LAUNCH OF S.S. "SIANG KIANG MARU."

The new shallow draft steamer *Siang Kiang Maru*, which has been built to the order of the Hunan S.S. Company by the Osaka Iron Works, at their shipbuilding yard at Sakurajima at the mouth of the Arakawa, was successfully launched on the 22nd ult. Miss Nui Nakahashi, daughter of the President of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, performed the christening ceremony.

The *Siang Kiang Maru* is built of steel, measures 195 feet in length, 38 feet in breadth, 7 feet in depth (to main deck) and draws four feet. Her gross tonnage is 900 and her dead weight capacity 200 tons. She is fitted with triple expansion twin-screw engines which are designed to give a speed of 10 knots per hour. Her accommodation is for six saloon (foreign), twelve saloon (Chinese), twenty second class, and 154 stowage passengers.

The *Chikiang Maru*, a sister ship to the *Siang Kiang*, will be launched some time toward the end of this month.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

THE C.C. CO.'S S.S. "CHING WO."

The China Commercial Company's steamship *Ching Wo* arrived here from San Francisco on the 2nd inst. The name of the steamship means in Chinese "calm, peaceful, tranquil." Her last voyage to the States was anything but in keeping with the vessel's name. The Chinese passengers drove Captain Parkinson and his officers to the bridge while at Manzanillo and Mexican soldiers had to be called upon to save the whites from the celestial wrath. With the experience at Manzanillo to guide him, however, Captain Parkinson may be able to handle his next batch of passengers with more success, and it is reported that he hopes before he leaves the service of the China Commercial Company to make a voyage which will vindicate the peaceful significance of the vessel's name. The *Ching Wo* departs for the States again on 11th inst.

KWANGSI AFFAIRS.

Acting Governor of Kwangsi, and lately transferred to the Governorship of Kwangsi in place of that notorious Bonaparte Furiato, the now cashiered ex-Governor Wang Chih-ch'uan, has sent by telegraph from Nanch'ang, the capital of Kwangsi, a memorial to the Throne putting forward a number of requests which he desires to be granted to him before he would be willing to accept the, at present, onerous duties of Governor of Kwangsi. The following is the gist of the requests:—That upon arrival in Kwangsi the task of reorganisation be his, but that all military operations for the suppression of the rebellion in that province be entirely in the hands of Vice-oy Ts'ao Ch'ao-hsueh; that the subscription funds now being collected from the provinces of Shantung and Anhui for general famine relief, be placed under the memorialist's control in order to enable him to use the funds for the relief of the famine sufferers of Kwangsi province; and, finally, that he be permitted to purchase a quantity of rice from Kwangsi province—where he is at present still acting Governor—and take the foodstuff with him to Kwangsi for distribution there, when he goes down South. The memorialist further asks to be allowed to take with him as members of his suite, when he leaves Kwangsi, the following expectant Taoists of that province: Wang Chih-hsiang, Ting Nai-yang, and Wang Jui-huan, also three expectant district magistrates, a bodyguard of five hundred Kwangsi "brave," and some forty military officers.—*N. C. D. News*.

CURIOUS SIGHT IN "THE MILKY SEA."

Of the many sights witnessed in the oceans of the globe one of the most curious and most weird is that described by sailors as "the milky sea," ships being surrounded for several hours by water that appears to be a snowy whiteness. Compiled from experiences recorded during the last ten years, an interesting account of the phenomenon is given on the North Atlantic and Mediterranean pilot Chart for March published by the Meteorological Office. The spectacle is restricted to the darkness of night and rare occasions, and while it is limited mainly to the warmer waters of the tropical belt, it appears to be more common in the Indian ocean than in the Atlantic and Pacific. From the white water the light is so strong that ordinary newspaper print can be read on board ship, but the scene all round is of an awe-inspiring description. The horizon is blotted out and sky seem to become one in a sort of universal luminous fog, which, like a London fog, robs the observer of the same sense of distance and direction, the deck being lit up with a ghastly, shadowless light. Last June off the west coast of South America a bucket of the white water emptied back into the sea resembled molten lead. This curious sight has interested scientific investigators, Darwin among them; but while it is, no doubt, related to the many phosphorescent displays common at sea, there is no sufficient explanation forthcoming of this particular manifestation or of the singular atmospheric effects resulting from it.

THE STRANDING OF THE "CARRIER DOVE."

FINDING OF THE COURT.

The finding of the U. S. Marine Court, which inquired into the stranding of the sailing vessel *Carrier Dove*, has been rendered as follows:—The evidence before us shows that, as the *Carrier Dove* approached the shores of China after a prosperous voyage, observations were taken fixing her position up to June 28th at 3 p.m. None could be taken afterwards. By the Captain's calculations the North Saddle Light would be about 26 miles S. W. at daylight on the morning of June 30th. Shortly before 4 o'clock a.m. of that day, he sent the 2nd mate aloft, who reported that he could just see a revolving light in that direction. Not satisfied with this report, the Captain then put on all sail and headed his course as he supposed for Amherst Rock. At 6.30 a.m. the vessel struck 12 miles N. W. of Shawshean. The crew were rescued by the *Irene* (Capt. Johns) with only the loss of one man and were brought to Shanghai from Shawshean by the *Huan* (Capt. Wallace). Both of these Captains showed the helpfulness and kindness which is so characteristic of seafaring men. It appears that both mates mistook the occulting light at Shawshean for the revolving light at the North Saddle, an error the more natural as both are white lights and as it was in exactly the position relative to the ship in which the latter would be according to the dead reckoning.

We find that the Captain of the *Carrier Dove* used all reasonable caution to ascertain the ship's position and cannot be blamed for the stranding of the vessel. John Goodnow, Consul-General, U. S. A., Shanghai. J. A. Amesbury, Master Am. Ship *Reynolds*. 27th July, 1903.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

THE "PEMBROKESHIRE."

Nothing definite is known as to the *Pembroke*, (says the *China Gazette* of 1st inst.) which left here on Thursday for Hongkong in order to undergo the repair necessitated by her recent standing on the North Saddle. The vessel had been very temporarily patched up, and the typhoon which has been blowing along the coast for the past couple of days has given rise to grave fears here about her safety. Captain Stewart, the pilot, who went in charge of her, is, however, a navigator of great experience on these coasts, and knows every inlet into which a ship may run for safety, and it is confidently believed in shipping circles here that he has sought refuge somewhere between here and the Chusans. Indeed, there was a report current in the Settlements to-day that the *Pembroke* had actually been seen at anchor in a sheltered bay by a Shanghai-bound steamer yesterday; but, so far, we have been unable to verify the report. When she left Shanghai the disabled vessel was only able to steam six knots an hour in smooth water; her bows were stove in and the rents in them were covered only in the most hurried and flimsy manner, and it seems to us that a grave responsibility rests somewhere for permitting her to go outside in what was unquestionably an unseaworthy condition, especially in face of the heavy weather which has been threatening in this part of the China Sea for the past couple of days.—At the time of our going to press to-day the *Pembroke* had not arrived.

RUSSIAN DOMINATION.

One of the worst features of the political situation in the Far East is the extraordinary subservience of some European Powers to Russia, whenever a fresh opportunity presents itself for plundering China. They have just become partners in an act of barefaced dishonesty at the bidding of St. Petersburg, by arbitrarily fixing the rate of exchange for the half-year's indemnity instalment at less than the market rate. The result is that the Peking Treasury is robbed to the extent of £40,000 on the half-year's account, although the British and American representatives on the Bankers' Commission indignantly protested against the perpetration of such a gross fraud. The majority, however, gave way to Russian pressure, and decided that the fact should not carry higher value for conversion into gold currency than 2s. 3d., thus ignoring the fact that it was then fetching a penny more in the open market. The *Times* correspondent at Shanghai who telegraphs these details argues, rightly enough, that the shameful transaction affords "moral justification" for the continued refusal of the Peking Government to pay the indemnity in gold. But "moral justification" is a flimsy defence for a helpless nation to oppose to Russian rapacity. China had every right to count upon the protection of the Powers against extortion when it agreed to compensate them for their losses by enormous money payments, in many cases largely exceeding their real losses. It seemed inconceivable that the majority would lend themselves to such cheating, but the temptation to share the ill-gotten plunder was too strong for honour. The only comfort is that Great Britain and the United States refused to associate themselves with the theft, although circumstances hindered them from carrying their Good Samaritanism any farther than that.—*Globe*.

COTTON CRISIS.

LOSS TO EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYED.

The Manchester correspondent of *The Morning Leader* interviewed the leading authority in the kingdom on the cotton trade, and this gentleman, whose official position precludes his name being given, furnished the following statement on the position of affairs:—

"At the beginning of July, the cotton industry continues in a most extraordinary position. For months past raw material has risen in value, till at one time in American descriptions the advance from the beginning of the year had amounted to 40 per cent.

"During the last few weeks, however, a decline has set in. It is understood that the 'hulls' are quarrelling among themselves, and are trying—at least, some of them—to get out.

"The short time movement in the spinning trade is increasing. There is hardly a mill where full time is being worked. In numerous cases part of the machinery is stopped, and in other cases three or four days a week is being run.

OPERATIVES' WAGES REDUCED.

"Spinners are finding that the weaving looms are stopping faster than themselves. To buy American cotton to-day in Liverpool and sell yarn means a loss to the spinner of nearly a halfpenny per pound on every pound of yarn turned out.

"A disturbing feature in the situation is that the operatives in South Lancashire are having greatly reduced weekly earnings at a time when they are saving up for the annual 'wakes.' They pay so much a week to a 'going off' club. The reduced wages at the present time will hardly allow for this payment, for there is hardly a weaving shed where many looms are not standing.

"The situation, so far as the county of Lancaster is concerned, is discouraging, for there cannot be any improvement worth naming during the next two months. Certainly little cotton is being consumed; nor will it be during this month and next.

"But it must be borne in mind that there will not be much cotton coming forward till September or October. The Egyptian crop comes a little later. Thus, there is no chance of relief in the trade till some months hence."

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COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	119 5/16
Bank Bills, on demand	119 1/8
Credits, 4 months' sight	119 1/16
Dinents 4 months' sight	119 1/16
ON BERLIN, (demand)	M. 1.8 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2 23/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	2 27/8
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	43 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight	43 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	133 1/2
On demand	133 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	72 1/2
Private 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	86 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	51 1/2
Gold Leaf too touch, per tael	59 25
Silver	75 1/2

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—	Per chest.
MALWA NEW	920/960
" LAST YEAR	990/1,020
" OLDEST	1,040/1,080
PATNA NEW	1,075
" OLD	1,085
BENARES NEW	1,085
" OLD	1,085 1/2
BERIAN (PAPER)	780/830

To-day's Advertisements.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on

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Hongkong, 6th August, 1903. [941e]

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1903. [436e]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 3 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 12th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1903. [4]

Co-Op's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE BRITISH and MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M., on MONDAY, the 10th August, 1903.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds Sterling) and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less than £100.

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His Majesty's Treasury Office, Fletcher Street, Hongkong, 6th August, 1903. [940e]

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEUCER"	On 10th August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	On 11th August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 11th August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINGSUEY"	On 20th August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 26th August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 4th September.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 9th September.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 17th September.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAK LING"	On 23rd September.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 1st October.

S.S. "KINTUCK" left Singapore on the 5th inst. p.m. and is expected to arrive here on the 11th inst.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"TYDEUS"	On 18th August.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"NESTOR"	On 1st September.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"KINTUCK"	On 15th September.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"KINGSUEY"	On 22nd September.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"GLAUCUS"	On 29th September.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"DEUCALION"	On 13th October.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"AGAMEMNON"	On 20th October.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"JASON"	On 27th October.
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Hongkong, 6th August, 1903.

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SHANGHAI and CHINKIANG	"CHINKIANG"	8th "
MANILA	"TSINAN"	10th "
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FOR TAMSUI*	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	WEDNESDAY, 12th Aug.
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T. ARIMA, Manager.

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Hongkong, 3rd August, 1903. [927c]

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Hongkong, 30th July, 1903. [915c]

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Hongkong, 24th June, 1903. [886c]

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1903. [1004c]



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Hongkong, 27th July, 1903. [820c]

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SATURDAY, 8th August, at 10 A.M.

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K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1903. [171c]

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THE Company's Steamship

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAURA & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1903. [926c]

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Hongkong, 5th August, 1903. [939c]

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THE Steamship

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This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1903. [930c]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR,"

Captain J. G. Offent, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 10th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Shipping.

Arrivals.			
Prinz Heinrich, Ger. s.s., 6,263, Heintze, 5th Aug., Yokohama via Potts 25th July, Mails and Gen.—M. & Co.	Rosetta Maru, Manila, T. K. K., Aug. 7	Zafiro, Manila, B. & S., Aug. 7	Tsinar, Koho, B. & S., Aug. 8
Tientsin, Br. s.s., 1,227, Gibbs, 5th Aug., Wuhu and Potts 26th July, Gen.—B. & S.	Kagoshima M., M. J., N. Y. K., Aug. 9	Caledonia, Saigon, M. M., Aug. 10	Indrapura, Saigon, P. & A. Co., Aug. 12
Foochow, Br. s.s., 1,228, Smale, 6th Aug., Wuhu and Chinkiang 31st July, Gen.—B. & S.	City of Peking, Japan, P. M. Co., Aug. 13	Lyra, Victoria, T. B. T. Co., Aug. 13	Emp. of India, Vancouver, C. P. R. Co., Aug. 16
Sumatra, Br. s.s., 4,607, Hayward, R.N.R., 6th Aug., London 27th June, and Singapore 1st Aug., Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	Laitang, Calcutta, J. M. & Co., Aug. 17	Doric, San Francisco, C. M. & Co., Aug. 20	Lothian, San Francisco, C. M. & Co., Aug. 20
Hailong, Br. s.s., 783, Evans, 6th Aug., Swatow 5th Aug., Gen.—D. L. & Co.			
Tsurugisan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,559, Narasaki, 6th Aug., Kuchinotsu 30th July, Coal.—M. B. K.			
Decidde, Fr. gunboat, 650, Guthrie, 6th Aug., Chefoo 22th July.			
Japan, Br. s.s., 2,795, Muri, R.N.R., 6th Aug., Yokohama via Shanghai 2nd Aug., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.			
Toonan, Chi. s.s., 742, Best, 6th Aug., Shanghai 2nd Aug., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.			
Karin, Swed. s.s., 673, Peterson, 6th Aug., Canton 5th Aug., Gen.—S. W. & Co.			
Chinkiang, Br. s.s., 1,229, Brymer, 6th Aug., Canton 5th Aug., Gen.—H. & S.			
Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s., 900, Ogata, 6th Aug., Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 5th Aug., Gen.—O. S. K.			
Dagmar, Ger. s.s., 921, Gosewisch, 6th Aug., Swatow 5th Aug., Ballast.—M. & Co.			
Nanchang, Br. s.s., 1,662, Robinson, 6th Aug., Chefoo 28th July, Gen.—B. & S.			

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

San Cheong, for Canton.
 Pak Kong, for Macao.
 Hoi-Hoi, for Canton.
 Ben-Hoi, for Singapore.
 Kijiburi, for Swatow.
 Chawlat, for Bangkok.
 Toonan, for Canton.
 Prince Albert, for Manila.
 Kwongchow, for Canton.
 Huanan, for Manila.
 Ila Verde, for Macao.
 Wingchei, for Macao.
 Foochow, for Canton.
 Tientsin, for Canton.

Passengers arrived.

Per *Hailong*, from Swatow—60 Chinese.
 Per *Sumatra*, from Hongkong for London—Messrs. A. G. Potter, J. Broughall, E. H. Smyth, J. A. Rees, Chief Arts, J. Mitchell, From Malacca—L. A. Dymock. From Penang—18 Excellency Sir E. Sator and servant. For Shanghai from London—Mr. R. McDonald.
 Per *Prinz Heinrich*, from Japan for Hongkong—Mr. A. G. F. Somerville, Mrs. E. E. Griffith, Messrs. F. Keller, Hauptmann, Miss Johnstone, Mr. W. C. Kibby, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Baldwin, Messrs. H. M. H. Nanase, Schellhoss, W. Gemahlin, Virat, A. Weinberg, Messrs. W. Richter, Mitchell, G. T. Poole, Miss Sinnott, a Chinese and 1 Japanese. For Transport—Dr. Lauwer, Major Krete, Messrs. Ch. Duce and family, F. Voss, Thos. Setter, Z. Kubb, Oscar Ball, Wm. Fuller, and Mrs. E. Mehli.

Passengers departed.

Per *Kiutichou*, from Hongkong for Shanghai—Miss C. Noronha, Messrs. J. Machado, J. Thun, H. Bell, I. H. Hart, Meeths and L. Swartjes. For Nagasaki—Mr. F. Uyski. For Yokohama—Mrs. Schellhoss, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. G. Harling and daughter, Miss Scheppelmann, and Mr. G. P. Rawstron.

Ships Passed the Canal.

Outward—1st July—Devonshire, Danberg, 7th July—Vernon, Foxtonhall, Mancharia, Indran, 10th July—Mayone, Rensvirk, Teucer, Choverhill, 14th July—Königsberg, St. Irene, Haddonhall, 26th July—Kintuck, Caledonia, Inaba Maru, Ningchow, Venetia, 21st July—Glenturret, Flintshire, Bonader, Marburg, Abyssinia, Bombay, 24th July—Achilles, Benmohr, Ping Suez, 27th July—Socotra, Auchenarden, 28th July—Sambira, Comerio, 1st August—Bayern, Hlachi Maru, Glancus, Salazie, 5th August—Oanfa, Tiberghien.
 Homeward—18th July—Nubia, 23th July—Annam, 28th July—Antenor, Strassburg, Kawuchi Maru, 1st August—Canton, 5th August—Preussen.

Arrivals at Home—Zieten, 7th July—Afridi, 10th July—Kagawa Maru, Potrochus, Indran, 18th July—Calchas, Glen-shiel, 21st—Malacca, 21st July—Oceanic, Tantalus, China, 27th July—Sado Maru, Stuttgart, 1st August—Segovia, 5th August—Roos, Benmohr.

Steamers Expected.

Vessel	From	Agents	Due
Rosetta Maru	Manila	T. K. K.	Aug. 7
Zafiro	Manila	B. & S.	Aug. 7
Tsinar	Koho	B. & S.	Aug. 8
Kagoshima M.	M. J.	N. Y. K.	Aug. 9
Caledonia	Saigon	M. M.	Aug. 10
Indrapura	Saigon	P. & A. Co.	Aug. 12
City of Peking	Japan	P. M. Co.	Aug. 13
Lyra	Victoria	T. B. T. Co.	Aug. 13
Emp. of India	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Aug. 16
Laitang	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	Aug. 17
Doric	San Francisco	C. M. & Co.	Aug. 20
Lothian	San Francisco	C. M. & Co.	Aug. 20

Shipping Reports.

Str. *Hailong* from Swatow—Light wind (misty), smooth sea, fine weather.
 Str. *Foochow* from Wuhu—Dull cloudy weather, and heavy head swell from Wosung to Namki, and fine clear weather from thence to port.
 Str. *Nanchang* from Chefoo—Fresh Ely wind, foggy at times long S.E. swell, encountered a typhoon S. of Shanghai, and then light variable winds, with long Sly swell into port.

Vessels in Port.

STEAMERS
 Athenian, Br. s.s., 2,440, Robinson, 25th July—Vancouver 29th June, and Shanghai 22nd July, Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
 Benduch of Leih, Br. s.s., 2,672, Thomson, 2nd Aug.—Singapore 27th July, Gen.—G. L. & Co.
 Carri, Ind. s.s., 2,700, Belsito, 3rd Aug.—Bombay 17th July, and Singapore 28th, Gen.—C. & Co.
 Ching Wo, Br. s.s., 2,517, Parkinson, 2nd Aug.—San Francisco 3rd July, and Moji 28th, Gen.—C. S. S. Co.
 Crown of Aragon, Br. s.s., 1,300, Darwood, 29th July—Moji 22nd July, Coal.—Gilman & Co.
 Devonshire, Br. s.s., 600, 29th July—Cardiff 13th July, and Port Said 28th, Coal.—Admiralty.
 Gregory Apcar, Br. s.s., 2,940, Oliffen, 3rd Aug.—Calcutta 18th July, and Singapore 29th, Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ltd.
 Hailan, Br. s.s., 1,777, Andersen, 3rd Aug.—Pakhoi and Hoihow 2nd Aug., Gen.—A. R. M.
 Holstein, Ger. s.s., 985, Lorenzen, 4th Aug.—Saigon 30th July, Rice and Gen.—C. & Co.
 Hongkong Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,447, Filmer, 5th Aug.—San Francisco 7th July, via Honolulu 14th, Yokohama 27th, Kobe 28th, Nagasaki 30th, and Shanghai 2nd Aug., Mails and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.
 Ingalls, Am. s.s., 1,347, Harrison, 10th July—Manila, P.I. via Maunab 7th July, Ballast—Order.
 Iyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,918, Butler, 29th July—Seattle via Japan and Shanghai 26th July, Gen.—N. Y. K.
 Lawada, Br. s.s., 2,560, Henderson, 1st Aug.—Bangkok via Penang and Singapore 18th July, Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Loongsang, Br. s.s., 1,097, Weigall, 5th Aug.—Manila 2nd Aug., Ballast—J. M. & Co.
 Loyal, Ger. s.s., 1,237, Bohrman, 5th Aug.—Hongkong 2nd Aug., Coal.—S. W. & Co.
 Madeleine-Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Sanders, 3rd Aug.—Bangkok via Swatow 25th July, Rice.—A. K. & Co.
 Pakhoi, Br. s.s., 1,249, Shaw, 27th July—Canton 27th July, Gen.—B. & S.
 Pompey, Am. s.s., 1,200, Range, 28th May—Manila, P.I. 25th May, Ballast—U. S. Government.
 Suisang, Br. s.s., 1,776, Young, 28th July—Java 19th July, Sugar.—J. M. & Co.
 Tailu, Ger. s.s., 1,063, Menzell, 20th June—Mauritius via Singapore 14th June, Gen.—E. A. T. Co.
 Taishan, Br. s.s., 1,121, Jenkins, 5th Aug.—Bangkok and Koh-si-chang 27th July, Rice.—B. & Co.
 Victoria Swed. s.s., 983, Heimansson, 5th Aug.—Saigon 31st July, Rice.—E. A. T. Co.
 Wongkoi, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Reber, 2nd Aug.—Bangkok 27th July, Rice and Gen.—B. & S.

SAILING VESSELS.

Boieldien, Fr. bq., 1,042, Harong, 24th June—New York 15th Dec., Kerosine.—S. O. Co.
 Columbia, Am. sch., 772, Sprague, 27th Mar.—B. & S.
 Comet, Br. 4-masted bq., 2,890, Davis, 4th Aug.—New York 9th Apr., Kerosine.—S. O. Co.
 Grosvenor, Br. bq., 516, Boga, 14th June—Mauritius 16th Jan., Sugar.—A. & Co.
 Pierre Anonine, Fr. bq., 1,740, Retegnet, 1st Apr.—New York 3rd Oct., Oil—Order.
 Prince Albert, Norw. ship, 1,498, Hansen, 10th June—Fremantle 29th Apr., Sandal Wood.—Gilman & Co.
 Vale of Doon, Sarawak bq., 669, Pedersen, 27th July—Rajang 11th July, Timber.—C. W. & Co.
 Vladivostok, 7 a.m.—SW 2—
 Nemuro, 6 a.m.—SW 2—
 Hakodate, 29.77—NW 2—
 Tokio, 29.86—NW 2—
 Kochi, 29.99—SE 2—
 Nagasaki, 29.99—SE 2—
 Kagoshima, 29.99—SE 2—
 Oshima, 30.0—SE 4—
 Naha, 29.85—SE 6—
 Ishigakijima, 29.54—SE 10—
 Taihoku, 29.54—SE 10—
 Taichu, 29.35—SE 10—
 Tainan, 29.35—SE 10—
 Kosun, 29.37—SE 10—
 Pescadores, 29.41—N 10—
 Weihaiwei, 29.91—SE 3 cm—
 Gutai, 29.91—SE 3 cm—
 Sharp Peak, 29.91—SE 3 cm—
 Amoy, 29.59—SE 3 cm—
 Canton, 29.86—SE 3 cm—
 Hongkong, 29.78—NW 2—
 Victoria Peak, 29.78—NW 2—
 Gap Rock, 29.79—WNW 3—
 Macao, 29.79—WNW 3—
 Haiphong, 29.79—WNW 3—
 Manila, 29.79—WNW 3—
 Malate, 29.79—WNW 3—
 Bacoled, 29.79—WNW 3—
 C. Olo, 29.79—WNW 3—
 Iebu, 29.79—WNW 3—
 C. St. James, 29.79—WNW 3—

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

Powen	Kowloon Dock
Suisang	
U.S.A.T. Ingalls	
Kaipan	
H.M.S. Whiting	
Kwong Hing	
Miner	
U.S.A.T. Sumner	Cosmopolitan

Post Office.

A Mail will close for—

Swatow—Per *Hailong*, 7th inst., 9 A.M.
 Canton—Per *Kinsan*, 7th inst., 9.30 A.M.
 Chefoo and Newchwang—Per *Karin*, 7th inst., 10 A.M.
 Macao—Per *Huangshan*, 7th inst., 1.15 P.M.
 Manila—Per *Loongsang*, 7th inst., 3 P.M.
 Nantao—Per *Tuile*, 7th inst., 3 P.M.
 Ningpo and Shanghai—Per *Wuhu*, 7th inst., 4 P.M.
 Canton—Per *Honan*, 7th inst., 5 P.M.
 Macao—Per *Wingchei*, 7th inst., 5 P.M.
 Sanbu—Per *Lee Wing*, 7th inst., 5 P.M.
 Nantao—Per *Tuile*, 7th inst., 5 P.M.
 Manila—Per *Zafiro*, 8th inst., 9 A.M.
 Shanghai and Chinkiang—Per *Chinkiang*, 8th inst., 3 P.M.
 Shanghai—Per *Hangshan*, 8th inst., 4 P.M.
 Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Gyory*, 10th inst., 2 P.M.
 Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Tsinar*, 10th inst., 3 P.M.
 Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Yarra*, 11th inst., 11 A.M.
 Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, (B.C.) and Seattle, (U.S.A.)—Per *Iyo Maru*, 11th inst., 3 P.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Athenian*, 12th inst., 11 A.M.
 Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per *Capri*, 12th inst., 11.30 A.M.
 Chefoo and Tientsin—Per *Nanchang*, 12th inst., 3 P.M.
 Manila—Per *Sungking*, 13th inst., 3 P.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Hongkong Maru*, 14th inst., 11 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Rubi*, 15th inst., 9 A.M.
 Cebu and Iloilo—Per *Iunan*, 20th inst., 3 P.M.
 Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Empire*, 26th inst., 11 A.M.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory—

On the 6th at 10.15 a.m. Red drum hoisted. At 10.15 a.m. The barometer has fallen rapidly in Formosa and over the S.E. coast of China, risen slightly over S. Japan and the Philippines.
 The depression noted yesterday as lying in the Pacific is a typhoon. It is lying near S. Formosa this morning and seems to be moving quickly towards W.N.W.
 Pressure is high over S. Japan.
 Bad weather in the Formosa Channel, and increasing N.W. winds along the S. coast of China.
 Forecast—N.W. winds, probably freshening considerably; fair at first, squally with rain later.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.78	29.73
Temperature	84	84
Humidity	77	76
Rainfall	0.53	—

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THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	\$ 125	{ Div. of £1.10/- and bonus of 10/- @ 1/7 = \$25.26 for half-year ending 31/12/1901.	\$560
National Bank of China, Ltd.....	£ 8	3/11 = \$1.96 for 1902	\$27 b.
Do. Founders.....	£ 1	None	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of C'lon, Lt.	\$ 100	60 per cent = \$30 per share for 1901	\$500 s.
China Traders' In. Co., Lt.	\$ 25	16 % = \$4 for year ended 30.4.1902.....	\$51
North China In. Co., Lt.	£ 25	Interim of £1 for 1902.....	Tls. 230
Yungtze In. Association, Lt.	\$ 60	20 % = \$12 for 1901	\$135
Canton In. Office, Lt.	\$ 50	28 % = \$14 per share for 1901	\$180 b.
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Lt.	\$ 50	\$224 per share for 1901	\$324 b.
China Fire In. Co., Lt.	\$ 20	\$4 per share for 1901	\$87
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao S. B. Co., Lt.	\$ 15	\$14 for half-year ending 31.12.1902 ...	\$38 b.
Indo-China S. N. Co., Lt.	£ 10	5 % = 10/- per share for 1902.....	\$94
China & Manila S. S. Co., Lt.	\$ 50	10 % = \$5 per share for 1900.....	\$21
Douglas S. S. Co., Lt.	\$ 50	Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1902.....	\$41
"Star" Ferry Co., Lt.	\$ 5	\$1.20 = 12% for year ending 30.6.03	\$27 b.
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Lt.	£ 1	60 cts. 30/03	\$174 b.
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Lt.	Tls. 50	3rd Interim of 6d. for 1902	£14/- sa.
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Lt.	Tls. 100	Final of 5 % making 7 % for the year.....	Tls. 47 s.
Shanghai Cargo B. Co., Lt.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 % making 20 % for 1902.....	Tls. 350 b.
Co-operative Cargo B. Co., Lt.	Tls. 100	Final of 7 % making 13 % for 1902.....	Tls. 180 b.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Lt.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1901	\$94 b.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Lt.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897	\$10 b.
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Lt.	Tls. 50	Fin. of 7 % for year ending 30.9.02.....	Tls. 700 s.
MINING.			
Punjom Mining Co., Lt.	\$ 11	None	\$210 b.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Fin. of Frs. 30 making Frs. 60 for 1902	\$600 s.
Jebebu Mining & Trading Co., Lt.	\$ 5	No. 9 of 5 % for 1-year end. 31.7.94 ...	\$14 s.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Lt.	£ 10, 18, 10	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	\$34 b.
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Lt.	£ 1	No. 1 of 1/6 per share 10.10.02	Tls. 6.30 s.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Lt.	\$ 50	10 % + bonus 2 % for 1 year 31.12.02.....	\$213
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Lt.	Tls. 100	Final of Tls. 8 making Tls. 15 for year ending 30.4.03	Tls. 159 sa.
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Lt.	\$ 50	Final of \$24 making \$44 for 1902	\$88 b.
New Amoy Dock Co., Lt.	\$ 64	\$24 for 1902	\$374 b.
Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf & Godown Co., Lt.	Tls. 100	Final of Tls. 12 making Tls. 18 for 1902	Tls. 280 s.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Lt.	\$ 10	8 % = 80 cents per share for 1902	\$91 sa.
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Lt.	\$ 100	Interim of \$6 for 1903 ...	\$156 b.
K'loon Land & Building Co., Lt.	\$ 30	\$2.30 per share for 1902	\$58 s.
West Point Building Co., Lt.	\$ 50	Interim of \$14 for 1903	\$504 b.
Hongkong Hotel Co., Lt.	\$ 50	\$6 for 2nd 1-year making \$12 for 1902	\$1524 sa.
Oriente Hotel Co., Lt. (Manila)	\$ 50	\$8 = \$4 for 1-year ending 31.12.1900	\$45
Astor House Hotel Co., Lt. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	15 % for half-year ending 31.12.01	\$30 s.
Hotel des Colonies Co., Lt. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	6 % for year ending 31.3.03	Tls. 16 sa.
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei)	Tls. 25	First year	Tls. 25
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Lt.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902	\$12
Shai Land Investment Co., Lt.	Tls. 50	Interim of 6 % for 1903	Tls. 105 s.
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Lt.	\$ 10	Interim of 40 cents per share.....	\$15 b.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Lt.	Tls. 100	3 % for period ended 31.10.97.....	Tls. 36 sa.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Lt.	Tls. 100	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898	Tls. 40 sa.
Lau-kuung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Lt.	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898 ...	Tls. 40 sa.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Lt.	Tls. 500	4 % for period ended 31.12.00.....	Tls. 160
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Alhambra, Lt.	\$ 500	25 % for year ending 30.6.1900	\$250 b.
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Lt.	\$ 50	None	\$15 b.
Shanghai - Sumatra Tobacco Co., Lt.	Tls. 20	{ Final of Tls. 2.60 making Tls. 4.65 for year ending 31.10.02 }	Tls. 56 sa.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Lt.	\$ 10	12 % = \$1.20 per share for 1902	\$24 b.
China-Borneo Co., Lt.	\$ 12	First year	\$10 b.
A. S. Watson & Co., Lt.	\$ 10	Interim of 1 % for 1902	\$144 sa.
Watkins, Lt.	\$ 10	\$1 per share for 1902	\$7 b.
Hongkong Electric Co., Lt.	\$ 10	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$124 b.
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Lt.	\$ 10	45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$74 b.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Lt.	\$ 50	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901	\$140 b.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Lt.	\$ 25	\$10 for 1902	\$140 b.
Hongkong Ice Co., Lt.	\$ 25	15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1902	\$474
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Lt.	\$ 100	Interim of \$4 for 1903	\$250 b.
Dairy Farm Co., Lt.	\$ 6	\$18 for year ending 31.11.1902	\$320
Hongkong & China Bakery Co., Lt.	\$ 50	75 cents for year ending 31.7.1901	\$12 b.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Lt.	\$ 50	5 per cent = \$24 for 1901.....	\$40 b.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Lt.	£ 10, 12, 6	Div. of \$24 for 1902	\$70 sa.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Lt.	\$ 4	80 cents } for year ending 31.5.02 ...	\$10 b.
Do. Founders.....	\$ 10	10.80	\$225 b.
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Lt.	\$ 50	Interim of 6 %	\$144 b.
China Light & Power Co., Lt.	\$ 20	None	16 b.
Robinson Piano Co., Lt.	\$ 50	5 % = \$24 for half-year 1901.....	\$50
Manila Investment Co., Lt.	\$ 10	None	\$15 b.
William Powell, Lt.	\$ 10	Final of 50 cents for half-year 30.6.02	\$10
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